

Reclassification of Public Land St Marys Town Centre

The Public Exhibition

Background

It's an exciting time for St Marys...

For many years the community and Penrith City Council have recognised its potential to become a vibrant, vital and sustainable city and invested appropriately to make this happen. But the Town Centre's viability has been limited by the growth of nearby centres and the range of shops and services they provide.

Between 2002 and 2006, Council conducted the *Our City Centres – Vitality and Viability Review* to ask the St Marys community what it wanted for the Town Centre in the future. The community's vision was captured in the adopted *St Marys Town Centre Strategy*. This Strategy outlines how to create attractive public places, encourage new investment, deliver new infrastructure, and generate iobs.

In 2007, Council created the *St Marys Town Centre Masterplan* to show how these things could be achieved. Actions included a new town square, residential development near the train station, a new east-west street and the expansion of Station Plaza and St Marys Village Shopping Centres towards Queen Street.

The next step for Council is to reclassify parts of the land near existing shopping centres, so we can consider opportunities and start realising the vision. This Planning Proposal does not propose the sale, lease or development of the land – these matters will be considered by Council in the future and will include community consultation. It also does not prevent the current use of the land from continuing.

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The Planning Proposal recommending the reclassification of the land along with background information is on exhibition from Monday 24 August to Monday 21 September 2015.

A complete copy of the exhibition material is available to view at Council's Civic Centre, Penrith and Queen Street Office, St Marys (Mon-Fri: 8:30am-4pm).

A Council Officer will be available on Mondays and Fridays in Penrith and Tuesdays and Thursdays in St Marys to answer any questions you have. The exhibition material can also be viewed at Penrith and St Marys Libraries:

- Penrith Library, 601 High Street,
 Penrith (Mon-Fri 9am-8pm; Sat 9am-5pm; and Sun 10am-5pm).
- St Marys Library, 207-209 Queen Street, St Marys (Mon-Thu 9am-8pm; Fri 9am-5:30pm; Sat 9am-5pm; Sun 10am-5pm).

The material is also available at yoursaypenrith/StMarysTownCentre

Further Information

If you have any questions, please visit one of the exhibition venues or contact the City Planning Team on (02) 4732 7703 or at cityplanningteam@penrithcity.nsw.gov.au.

