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Growing Sydney upward needs to be done right

Discussions on responsibly removing height restrictions in Sydney are welcome, but must occur in an environment emphasising good urban design, effective community engagement and integrated strategic planning.

NSW State Manager Matthew Trigg says Consult Australia supports efforts by Planning Minister Rob Stokes to review building height restrictions in key urban centres, but cautions against those calling for height for its own sake:

‘We have a huge amount of expertise in Australia and internationally on delivering quality urban environments and world-class architecture. This should not be forsaken in the rush to deliver the next big thing.’

‘Height is not a measure of success in itself. We need to see leadership displayed by all major stakeholders to ensure urban development meets and exceeds expectations.’

The Future of Liverpool Open to Public Vote

This sort of leadership has been seen in Liverpool where leading cross-disciplinary design teams from across Sydney have submitted cutting-edge visions for the future of the Liverpool Georges River Precinct as part of a public competition.

‘The competition proposals transform old industrial Liverpool into a vibrant people-centric city that puts the Georges River on the map as a global hub for biomedical research, education and biotech start-ups supported by sought-after liveable, sustainable, local communities.’

‘The competition highlights the global potential for Liverpool, securing its potential as the third regional city in New South Wales, and capitalising on its unique position between Sydney’s Kingsford Smith Airport and the second airport at Badgery’s Creek.’

The Five Project Proposals, submitted by participants in Consult Australia’s FutureNet Business Leaders Course, can be considered in detail, and votes cast by visiting the project page at: <http://bit.ly/FNBL2015>

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