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SCALED-BACK DRY BOAT STORAGE AT ROZELLE APPROVED

The NSW Government has approved a scaled-back dry boat storage and marine facility at Rozelle – but applied a series of strict controls following community consultation.

Planning Minister Frank Sartor said he had visited the site and met with residents and the proponent to hear their views on the proposal first-hand.

The size and scale of the original proposal has been substantially modified to reduce building height, bulk and scale, car parking capacity, boat storage capacity and layover berth capacity.

“The community had some legitimate concerns, including local residents and recreational users of Rozelle and Blackwattle bays such as rowers and dragon boat racers,” Mr Sartor said.

“They had some constructive suggestions which have helped to make this proposal more compatible with other users of Rozelle and Blackwattle bays.

“One of the advantages of a dry boat storage is that it takes the pressure off our waterways by removing boats from existing moorings and water-based marinas.”

As part of the extensive community consultation, the Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority also held a series of meetings with NSW Maritime and boat user groups including NSW Rowing, Sydney University Women’s Rowing Club and Dragon Boats NSW.

The dry boat storage and marine facility on James Craig Road at Rozelle Bay will provide storage for up to 670 boats and will include a commercial maritime building, car parking for a total of 272 vehicles and a marina for brokerage and temporary berths.

The project, with a capital investment of \$63.6 million, will provide up to 182 construction jobs and 52 operational jobs. Construction is expected to take nearly three years.

Key issues raised in public submissions included water traffic and navigation and nearby recreational activities. A total of 80 conditions of approval have been applied in response, including:

- A four knot speed restriction for Blackwattle and Rozelle Bays to reduce wash and improve safety;
- Installation of two high-definition cameras to monitor the bays;
- No vessels to leave the facility between 5:30am and 7am from February to September, except for ten special event days; and
- A complaints hotline is to be established.

NSW Maritime has agreed that no vessels longer than 50 metres will dock at the adjacent Superyacht Marina.

The proposal was publicly exhibited between September and October last year.

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