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# **Future of Liverpool Open to Public Vote**

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 held by industry association Consult Australia.

Consult Australia NSW State Manager Matthew Trigg heralds the competition as delivering the vision Western Sydney deserves as a future economic powerhouse for NSW:

'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

The winner of the Public Vote will be awarded at a gala dinner at Old Government House in Parramatta with guests of honour the Hon Andrew Constance MP, Minister for Transport and Infrastructure and the Mayor of Liverpool, Ned Mannoun.

Highlights from the project proposals include:

- Introduction of world-class East Bank river front entertainment district facing a rehabilitated Georges River
- Integrated light rail connecting the new precinct with Liverpool Station, Westfield and other localities
- Iconic architecture delivering the highest standards of green building, including:
  - A Western Sydney Music Bowl to attract local, national and international musicians and entertainers
  - A Cumberland Plain Cultural Centre bring together a range of local exhibits and as a new permanent home for the NSW Migration Heritage Centre
  - o A new sports facilities and grounds to complement the proposed Liverpool Stadium
- Strong emphasis on pedestrian connections and liveability, including shared public ways and pedestrianised laneways off central green boulevards
- Active transport and green bridges allowing a seamless transition across major connectivity barriers such as Newbridge Road
- University precinct focused on medicine, biotechnology and health, integrated with innovation hub for biotech start ups
- Rooftop market gardens and new amenities and improved facilities in Haigh Park

Voting will be open until 6pm on Wednesday 21 October.

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Producing the final product would not have been possible without Sean Twomey and the team at A2K Technologies. Tech Group Manager, Sean states: "Working with the FutureNet young professionals has been a great experience from several different perspectives"

"Our tech team have enjoyed working with the groups and group leaders on the Infraworks software to incorporate multiple concepts, different data types and general design variations. Modern software represents a new paradigm and is often best embraced by younger generations – we found the interaction with the participants in this competition to be refreshing and rewarding and look forward to continuing the engagement."

#### **Ends**

Wednesday 7 October 2015

For further information or to arrange an interview, please contact Consult Australia's NSW State Manager, Matthew Trigg on 02 8252 6708 or <a href="mailto:nsw@consultaustralia.com.au">nsw@consultaustralia.com.au</a>

### Sample content

Full size images and videos from each proposal available on the voting pages: http://bit.ly/FNBL2015















## **About Consult Australia**

Consult Australia is the leading not-for-profit association that represents the business interests of consulting firms that design, engineer, assess and plan our built and natural environments.

We represent an industry comprising some 48,000 firms across Australia, ranging from sole practitioners through to some of Australia's top 500 firms. Collectively, our industry is estimated to employ over 240,000 people, and generate combined revenue exceeding \$40 billion a year.

## **About the FutureNet Business Leaders Course**

Highly regarded across the industry, Consult Australia's FutureNet Business Leaders alumni are sought-after by employers and clients alike.

Through sixteen modules delivered over eight months, our FutureNet Business Leaders Course is tailored to build on existing personal strengths, develop new skills, and broaden industry networks. Combined with a high profile multi-disciplinary team project, the Course provides a once-in-a-career opportunity for participating young professionals to be part of the next generation of industry leaders.