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### **HELP US BRING MACQUARIE STREET HERITAGE BACK TO LIFE**

The NSW Government is set to breathe new life into one of Australia's most significant heritage precincts, with a plan to rejuvenate Macquarie Street in Sydney's CBD to better showcase its trove of architectural and historical treasures.

The street once renowned as Sydney's grand boulevard attracts little foot traffic on weekends, despite boasting a string of heritage landmarks, including the State Library, Parliament House, Sydney Hospital, Hyde Park Barracks, The Mint and the Land & Property Information building.

Minister for Finance, Services and Property, Dominic Perrottet, said he has tasked Property NSW with leading a plan to open up the precinct and its stunning heritage to a new generation of locals and visitors.

"These buildings tell the story of our city and our nation, and their prime location bridges the bustling metropolis and the wide open space of the Domain and the Botanic Gardens.

"It should be a real drawcard in our city, but over time, much of the heritage has become locked away, suffocated and hidden in plain sight, with piecemeal additions to some of the buildings, pokey access, and lots of dead space.

"Our history deserves better, and that's why I have asked Property NSW to find ways of unlocking these heritage gems for all of us to enjoy."

Property NSW will work closely with government agencies occupying the buildings and the Heritage Council to ensure any rejuvenation opportunities take place in a coordinated way, with the key objective of enhancing the heritage character of the precinct.

Any new projects would be guided by a strategic framework developed by the Government Architect, which has been released in draft for public comment. To help encourage discussion, a number of draft concept designs for the precinct have also been released.

These include a possible hospitality space on the State Library rooftop, and the creation of new civic square adjacent to the Land and Property Information Building, creating a clear connection between the Domain and Macquarie Street, and restoring the original setting of the world heritage significant Hyde Park Barracks.

In addition to these possibilities, the Government is calling on the public to submit further ideas to breathe new life into Macquarie Street and its heritage landmarks.

Consultation on the draft strategic framework closes on 30 November 2016. For more information on the Macquarie Street strategy and the draft strategic framework, or to make a submission, go to [www.property.nsw.gov.au/MSEP](http://www.property.nsw.gov.au/MSEP).

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