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PAUL KEATING AND LUCY TURNBULL HEAD LANDMARK REVIEW OF MACQUARIE STREET EAST PRECINCT

Premier Gladys Berejiklian and Treasurer Dominic Perrottet today announced two of NSW's most prominent Sydneysiders will work together to develop a long-term vision for the historic Macquarie Street East Precinct on the eastern fringe of the CBD.

Former Prime Minister Paul Keating will join forces with the Chief Commissioner of the Greater Sydney Commission, and former Lord Mayor of Sydney, Lucy Turnbull to work on the landmark project.

The review will look at ways to improve the amenity and public usage of one of Sydney's most historic precincts, which includes Hyde Park Barracks, State Library, Sydney Hospital and NSW Parliament.

"I am delighted two of the most passionate advocates for Sydney have agreed to work together on ways to enhance what is already one of the jewels in this city's glittering crown," Ms Berejiklian said.

"Our aim is to make this area, with its historic buildings and beautiful gardens, an even more vibrant place for locals and tourists to enjoy."

Mr Perrottet said Mr Keating and Mrs Turnbull were both strong advocates for Sydney, with a keen desire to improve the city and make it more welcoming and accessible for everybody.

"The Macquarie Street East Precinct is home to some of Sydney's most important public buildings and iconic open spaces," Mr Perrottet said.

"With two such passionate people working together on this project I am sure we will be able to make the area even better, unlock potential for new ways to connect the precinct to the rest of the CBD, and improve the public's experience and usage."

Mr Keating and Mrs Turnbull both welcomed the opportunity to provide ideas and direction for the Macquarie Street East Precinct.

"This precinct is of central importance to the city and there is scope for rationalisation in the further dedication of public space," Mr Keating said.

Mrs Turnbull said as Sydney continued to grow it was important to ensure the use of open space evolved and adapted.

“I feel very privileged to be given the opportunity to help create a long term vision for a precinct that encapsulates so much history, beauty and cultural relevance dating back tens of thousands of years,” Mrs Turnbull said.

“It has long deserved better connections and access, so that more Sydneysiders and visitors can enjoy this precious precinct.”

An initial report from Mr Keating and Mrs Turnbull is expected to be completed by mid-2019.

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