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Long Bay a visionary plan for long term housing supply

Acting CEO of Urban Taskforce, Stephen Fenn, today welcomed the announcement by the NSW Opposition to transform Long Bay Correctional Centre at Malabar into a 12,000-home precinct.

The Opposition has backed the Minns Government's Woollahra station proposal and now raised the stakes with a plan for Long Bay.

It's a logical move - Sydney's south-east has employment, education and health infrastructure, along with high amenity, to back in this proposal.

When the Rosehill racecourse proposal fell over, Urban Taskforce said that Sydney just didn't need a "Plan B", but Plans B,C,D through to X,Y and Z.

Woollahra and Long Bay are lower hanging fruits to pick in terms of housing supply.

While neither Woollahra station nor Long Bay will matter when it comes to meeting the 5-year Accord targets, it shows that both parties are now looking at the longer-term needs of Sydney in terms of housing supply.

In the short term, state-led assessments, low to mid rise reforms, along with unlocking the potential of greenfield housing in western Sydney was needed to meet the Accord targets.

The Long Bay proposal raises the need for a transport solution to match the size and scope of housing along the east coast. The extension of the Western Metro from Wynyard through to Malabar was a logical extension and would be a fillip for the long-term plans for the region.

A Metro to Malabar could also in time be extended through to Sutherland Shire in Sydney's south – city-shaping infrastructure that would be a transformative project in terms of well-connected housing and jobs.

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