



**NEW SOUTH WALES**

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## **The Hon Frank Sartor MP**

*Minister for Planning*

*Minister for Redfern Waterloo*

*Minister for Science and Medical Research*

*Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)*

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### **WINNING PROPOSAL CHOSEN FOR WICKHAM WATERFRONT**

Planning Minister Frank Sartor today announced the winning proposal for a new retail and commercial building on the Newcastle waterfront.

Mr Sartor said the Honeysuckle Development Corporation has entered into a contract with Buildev Group for the sale and development of the Wickham waterfront site.

“This development is part of the ongoing revitalisation of Newcastle and will generate more activity in this harbourside precinct,” Mr Sartor said.

“The NSW Government has made a lot of progress on this important project and the Honeysuckle Waterfront Centre is the last site in the Marina Precinct to be developed.

“The winning proposal raises the bar on environmentally sustainable design at Honeysuckle, by minimising energy use in lighting, air conditioning, water usage and building fabric.

“125 people are expected to work at the new Centre, which will also be home to Buildev Group’s national head office.”

Mr Sartor said investors had shown strong interest in the site following a Call for Proposals, which had to meet a range of environmental and energy efficiency tests.

The chosen design and building materials reflect the maritime and industrial themes of the site’s unique location next to the Fish Coop.

Buildev Group will lodge a development application for the project with Newcastle City Council.

Since 1992, Honeysuckle has generated almost 4,500 jobs and injected \$1 billion into the regional economy, while creating more than 10 hectares of public space.