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## HARNESS RACING WELCOMES SYDNEY CITY COUNCIL COMMITMENT TO HAROLD PARK REZONING

**NSW HARNESS RACING CLUB (NSWHRC) CHIEF EXECUTIVE JOHN DUMESNY HAS WELCOMED A SYDNEY CITY COUNCIL COMMITMENT TO MAKE THE REZONING OF THE HAROLD PARK PACEWAY SITE A MATTER OF PRIORITY.**

Mr Dumesny said the Club had originally opted for the part 3A process to enable much-needed assistance to go to the Harness Racing industry following the sale of Harold Park, but was heartened by undertakings from SCC to ensure the rezoning was dealt with and determined in a prompt and timely manner.

"The Lord Mayor has made it clear the Council has both the resources and the resolve to deal with this rezoning as a matter of priority and the Club is pleased with her commitment," Mr Dumesny said.

"The rezoning of the Harold Park site should embrace the goals of SCC's Sustainable Sydney 2030 Vision and the NSW Metropolitan Strategy, to deliver a diverse and sustainable redevelopment of the site," Mr Dumesny said.

"And critically, for the future of our industry, the redevelopment of the site in an appropriate time frame will ensure we have the resources to assist the restructure of our industry across NSW."

"Some 29,000 people across NSW – many in rural and regional areas – are depending on us to protect their involvement in the sport that they love," Mr Dumesny said.

Mr Dumesny, commenting at the announcement of upgrades to the NSWHRC 's new super track at Tabcorp Park Menangle said the NSWHRC was looking forward to the commencement of the community consultation program in September, and to working with the local community, Sydney City Council and the NSW Government on the future of the site.

"The NSW Harness Racing Club has enjoyed a strong relationship with the community for more than a century and is determined to see community input into whatever decisions are made for the future of the site," Mr Dumesny said.

"We welcome resident contributions about future uses for the site and will continue to keep residents informed as the rezoning process progresses," Mr Dumesny said.



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