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COMMUNITY HELP TO PLAN THE FUTURE OF TRUST SITES

Meeting for the first time over the next two weeks, four new community consultative committees will discuss progress with planning the future of the Trust sites on Sydney Harbour.

Head of the Interim Sydney Harbour Federation Trust's Planning Team, Mr Nick Hollo, said the committees had been established to advise the Trust on issues relating to the former Artillery School on North Head, former defence land at Middle Head-Georges Heights, Woolwich Dock, Cockatoo and Snapper Islands and Macquarie Lighthouse.

The committees will also look at the relationship between these sites and the harbour, as well as how they relate to adjoining lands.

The committees are essential to the planning process. They are our reality check, Mr Hollo said.

The Trust is keen to know about all of the issues associated with the sites. We also believe we have a lot to learn from local knowledge of the sites.

Meetings of the committees over the next few months will help to prepare draft concept plans ready for public display in April 2001.

Mr Hollo explained that membership of the community consultative committees represents a wide cross-section of people with skills and expertise relevant to the site.

He said the committees were just one of many ways that the Trust was seeking feedback from the community on their work.

Public meetings, workshops and exhibitions of draft plans are all designed to ensure that we produce representative and effective management plans.

I encourage people with an interest in the future of the sites to make the most of these opportunities to be involved in the planning process.

Only through this community partnership will the Trust be able to create future plans for the sites that protect valuable natural and cultural heritage, meet community needs, and provide public access.

Providing public access from an early stage means that people can come and appreciate the uniqueness of the site. They are then better placed to participate in the planning process.

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