

# Jodi McKay

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## **ANOTHER STEP IN CITY RENEWAL**

**The NSW Government today launched a Call for Proposals to develop one of the last remaining non-waterfront lots in Honeysuckle.**

Minister for the Hunter and Member for Newcastle, Jodi McKay, said the Call for Proposals builds on the recent Expressions of Interest for a new University precinct in Honeysuckle.

“This is an exciting opportunity for another major investment to be made in Honeysuckle precinct,” Ms McKay said.

“The Honeysuckle project is more than two-thirds complete and has successfully transformed 50 hectares of once derelict industrial land into a bustling commercial and residential precinct.

**“Since the early 1990s more than \$500 million worth of projects have been completed, along with 11 hectares of open space and parkland.”**

Ms McKay said the Honeysuckle precinct continued to provide great opportunities for commercial and residential investment as well as foreshore parkland.

**“Lot 22 has the ability to house a combination of residential, commercial and retail on the site,”** Ms McKay said.

“Developing Lot 22 will assist in the rejuvenation of the city centre and foreshore and help attract people to the area.”

Ms McKay said the Call for Proposals will require the successful applicant to rejuvenate land adjacent to Lot 22 into an open public park or recreation area.

“As well as submitting a proposal to develop a residential and or commercial building, proponents will be required to submit plans for the creation of a new public park next to Lot 22,” Ms McKay said.

“It is important that parkland and open space is developed along Honeysuckle Drive.”

Ms McKay said a billboard advertising the Call for Proposals will be erected in the coming week and a local and national advertising campaign would also be undertaken to attract potential developers.

Development proposals must be lodged by 30 August 2010 and comply with the Hunter Development Corporation’s Call for Proposals Document.

Following the evaluation and negotiation phases, a selected development proposal would then be subject to the normal planning assessment process, including a public consultation phase.

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## Notes Editor:



Lot 22 is a 3,728m<sup>2</sup> site, adjacent to the Hunter Water head office building on Honeysuckle Drive.

## **Timeline:**

1<sup>st</sup> July – Launch of call for proposals.  
30<sup>th</sup> August – Call for proposals closes.  
October 2010 – Evaluation period ends.  
December 2010 – Target date for end of negotiations and exchange of contracts.  
Early to mid 2012 – Design and approvals.