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CENTENNIAL PARK'S FIRST MASTER PLAN ON PUBLIC EXHIBITION

Environment Minister Robyn Parker today officially announced the start of a public exhibition of the draft Centennial Park Master Plan 2040 – providing the community with an opportunity to help shape the future of Australia's most historic public park.

"Centennial Park holds a special place in Australian history and in the hearts and minds of the community. We have the opportunity to help shape the future for this 125 year old public park and ensure it has a sustainable future," Ms Parker said.

"Originally given as a gift to the community to mark the 100th anniversary of European settlement in this nation, it was then chosen as the site for the inauguration of the Federation of Australia – this makes the Park the birthplace of modern Australia.

"We want to make Centennial Park locally valued, nationally significant and internationally recognised – Sydney deserves nothing less, and we should not take for granted what we have."

"There is expected to be intense interest in this draft master plan and I thank the community for their involvement and input so far in helping create this draft plan.

"We are focussed on is how we can retain and reinforce the good that the Park provides the community. I now encourage all who are interested in the future of this great place to review the plan and have their say."

"Importantly, the draft plan aims to conserve what the community loves about the Park, and where there are areas that we can improve, we've provided concepts of how we could improve them.

"Centennial Park does not have a current master plan, so this process will help to provide more certainty and direction for what is one of the world's best urban parks."

Exhibition details:

- All information will be exhibited online at www.centennialparklands.com.au/cpmp from Monday 30 September until 29 October 2013.
- An in-park exhibition, with the chance to meet the planners will be held in Centennial Park from Saturday 5 to Sunday 13 October 2013.