



## **ASX ANNOUNCEMENT**

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# **METRICS INCOME OPPORTUNITIES TRUST (ASX: MOT)**

# State Significant Development Pathway - 1 King Street, Concord West

The Trust Company (RE Services) Limited (ABN 45 003 278 831) (**Responsible Entity**), part of Perpetual Limited, is the responsible entity for the Metrics Income Opportunities Trust ARSN 631 320 628 (**MOT**).

MOT has a ~16% indirect holding in the MCP Credit Trust (**Credit Trust**), a managed investment scheme (managed by Metrics Credit Partners Pty Ltd ACN 150 646 996 (**Metrics**)).

The Credit Trust owns a 50% indirect interest in a land asset located at 1 King Street, Concord West, NSW (**Concord West Asset**) with a joint venture partner. The Concord West Asset represents less <1% of MOT's portfolio.

The NSW Minister for Planning and Public Spaces has recently declared the mixed-use development application of the Concord West Asset a state significant development (**SSD**) for the purposes of the *Environment Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (NSW)<sup>1</sup>. This was based on an expression of interest (EOI) application (**EOI Application**) made to the newly established NSW Housing Development Authority (**HDA**) to have the development of the Concord West Asset classified as an SSD and for the rezoning for a mixed-use resident precinct with up to 1,400 dwellings (with a proposed floor space ratio of 4:1).

Prior to the Concord West Asset being granted SSD status, a mixed-use development application and planning proposal to amend the Canada Bay Local Environmental Plan 2013 (**LEP**) had been lodged with the City of Canada Bay Council (**Council**). The assessment process had not concluded but the Council had previously endorsed the proposal to amend the LEP to a mixed use zoning and to increase the floor space ratio for the Concord West Asset from 1:1 to 2.23:1. Final approval of the proposed rezoning had received Gateway approval<sup>2</sup> with the NSW State Government and subject to no required changes following the public exhibition process, was progressing to Gazettal of the LEP amendments.

The HDA will now lead the assessment of the SSD and the rezoning assessment under the new streamlined process with the application to be determined by the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure. This is likely to expedite the assessment of the SSD and re-zoning application under the HDA's streamlined process. Metrics and its joint venture partner will be working toward filing the relevant submissions required as part of the next stage of the SSD process including preparing an Environmental Impact Statement and a development application in respect of the Concord West Asset.

Whilst the EOI Application for SSD status for the Concord West Asset contemplates a development for 1400 dwellings (representing a floor space ratio of 4:1, and an increase from 2.23:1), this is still subject to final development and rezoning approval.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> State Significant Development Declaration Order 2024 made by the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* on 17 February 2025.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> A Gateway approval is a step in the NSW planning process to provide an early assessment of the suitability of the proposed rezoning before a formal process to amend the local environmental plan can proceed.

Metrics intends on having the Concord West Asset independently valued now that SSD status has been granted. Whilst final approvals for the Concord West Asset are still forthcoming, Metrics as investment manager of MOT considers it appropriate to provide this information to MOT unitholders.

## **About Concord West land asset**

The Concord West Asset is a 3.1 hectare land parcel adjacent the Concord West train station. The asset currently benefits from an existing single level commercial building leased to tenants on a short term basis.

#### **About Metrics**

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