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PLANS TO REDEVELOP ANZAC MEMORIAL UNVEILED

The plans to redevelop the Anzac Memorial at Hyde Park have been unveiled by NSW Premier Mike Baird and Minister for Veterans Affairs David Elliott.

Mr Baird said the design plans for the Anzac Memorial Centenary Project developed by architectural firm Johnson Pilton Walker (JPW) and the NSW Government Architect are now on public display.

"This project will complete the original 1930s vision for the Memorial and will be the legacy of our Centenary of Anzac commemorations," Mr Baird said.

"This project will allow our future generations to pay respect to those who fought for the freedoms we enjoy today."

Mr Elliott said the foundation stones for the Anzac Memorial were laid on this day in 1932, making today's announcement all the more special.

"These plans stay true to the original vision which included a second water feature that was never completed due to the Great Depression," Mr Elliott said.

"Just as we today commemorate the 99th anniversary of the Battle of Fromelles, this redevelopment, once complete, will allow future generations to learn about the Anzac legacy and Australia's war history."

The NSW Government will contribute \$20.3 million to the project, which includes plans to build education and interpretation facilities beneath the Anzac Memorial, and a water cascade.

Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Centenary of ANZAC, Senator Michael Ronaldson, said the Commonwealth's \$19.6 million contribution would finally complete the Memorial.

"The Anzac Memorial is NSW's preeminent war memorial, and is listed as a Military Memorial of National Significance. The Commonwealth is delighted to see the original Memorial plans brought to life for the new century," Senator Ronaldson said.

The project will be overseen by the Anzac Memorial Trustees, with Mr Baird as Chairman; the NSW Government; City of Sydney; and the NSW RSL.