

Public plans Cockburn Coast's future

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The State Government is inviting public submissions on one of Perth's premier redevelopment areas - the Cockburn Coast.

Planning and Infrastructure Minister Alannah MacTiernan said it was rare to get together such a significant area of coastal land within the metropolitan area and community involvement in how it was developed was a must.

To achieve this, Ms MacTiernan has announced the Cockburn Vision Dialogue, which will engage the local community through a survey and one-day workshop in developing a plan that will shape the area's future for the next 50 years.

"The Cockburn Coast includes South Beach, Robb Jetty, Port Coogee and Woodman Point and represents a fantastic opportunity to create a new residential, recreational and commercial focal point the equal of Perth's other beachside locations," the Minister said.

"In the past, the area has been dominated by industry, including the South Fremantle power station, a major abattoir, marshalling yards and a number of noxious industries.

"With the relocation of much of that industry to more suitable locations, we now have the opportunity to transform this area and unlock its undoubted potential. This will deliver great benefits to the community and the environment."

Ms MacTiernan said planning options for the area had been examined since the 1970s.

"Currently, there is a plan for Port Coogee to become a residential area with a marina and South Beach, on the southern boundary of Fremantle, to become a mixed use residential development," she said.

"In July last year, I announced the State Government's vision for transforming the Robb Jetty industrial area into a thriving residential and commercial community.

"We now want to work with the community to develop a forward thinking and integrated plan for the whole area."

The Minister said a random sample of the Cockburn community was being sent a survey to complete on their thoughts about future development of the Cockburn Coast.

Participants would then be invited to a one-day workshop, to be held on Saturday, May 14.

"This process clearly shows the Gallop Government is enhancing Western Australia's unique lifestyle and environment," Ms MacTiernan said.

"The results of the survey will guide the Cockburn Vision Dialogue deliberations and the dialogue will focus on broadening participants' understanding of the potential development options

and determining local preferences.

“The outcomes of the dialogue will be used to develop the more detailed plan for Cockburn’s future.”

The Minister said it was vitally important that the community’s views were understood and incorporated into the new plan and she urged everyone selected in the random sample to complete the survey and attend the dialogue.

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