

# Planning blueprint released for the Cockburn coast

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The Cockburn coastal strip will be transformed into a world-class residential and recreational precinct - taking proper advantage of the magnificent local beaches.

Planning and Infrastructure Minister Alannah MacTiernan today announced the State Government's vision to develop the Cockburn coastal strip as a lively and highly accessible beachside residential and mixed-use area.

"In the past, on this coast, we have seen individual projects developed - by having a vision for the whole strip, we can get better transport connections and better environmental outcomes," Ms MacTiernan said.

"For the first time, there will be an over-arching plan for this important coastal strip.

"The initiative will see the transformation of the Robb Jetty industrial area to a commercial and residential community.

"The plan will bring together South Beach, north Coogee and Port Coogee to produce a cohesive living and working community with a seaside focus and identity.

"We see this as an area that can support a full range of housing types including affordable housing - we want to capitalise on the location and deliver best practice in housing design and sustainability."

The Minister said the plan also focused on improving access to the beach and Woodman Point Regional Park.

"An efficient public transport system will be planned to link Port Coogee and north Coogee with Fremantle and provide access for people outside the area to the beach - we are looking at the possibility of upgrading this to a light rail system through funds produced by development bonuses," she said.

"The boat launching facilities at Woodman Point will be upgraded and expanded to provide for the increased use in recreational boating in the metropolitan area.

"The possible redevelopment of the landmark South Fremantle Power Station could also provide a tourism/hospitality opportunity right on the waterfront."

The plan proposes the retention of existing compatible industries in the area with the option to redevelop for residential and/or mixed use over time.

The commercial and retail centre at Port Coogee will provide the primary focus of commercial services.

Work will now be undertaken on detailed planning of transport



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system requirements, coastal process investigations, environmental and site contamination assessments, relocation of incompatible uses, integration with the Woodman Point Regional Park and options for re-use of the power station.

At the same time, public and stakeholder input will be encouraged, including public workshops, which will be held over the next six months.

The plans are available at [\*\*http://www.wapc.wa.gov.au\*\*](http://www.wapc.wa.gov.au)

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