

Release of plans detailing beach expansion and industrial site redevelopment

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Plans detailing the expansion of two regional beaches and the redevelopment of ugly industrial sites south of Perth have been released today by the State Government.

Planning Minister Richard Lewis said the initiatives were significant aspects of a proposed major amendment to the Metropolitan Region Scheme which affected the Cities of Cockburn and Rockingham and the Town of Kwinana.

“The amendment will facilitate the clean-up of the old Coogee industrial area for redevelopment as a modern industrial estate and an expanded employment centre north of the railway line, while land to the south is expected to be zoned for residential use at a later date,” he said.

“The State Government is negotiating the relocation of the three water-based wool scouring operations currently located in the area. Work has begun on the removal of the old power station and the site will be added to the current foreshore reserve.”

Mr Lewis said the South West Corridor Omnibus No 2 amendment also proposed the expansion of public beachfronts at Coogee and at Singleton, greatly improving access, recreational facilities and landscaping.

“The size of the parks and recreation area at Point Peron will increase with the proposal to remove the current port reservation,” he said.

“Land in the Rockingham residential area, which for years has been earmarked for a rail link to the proposed port, will now be made available for development.

“The amendment will add a total of 102 hectares to existing regional open space, with additions to environmentally sensitive areas such as Beeliar Regional Park and The Spectacles, due to reduced public infrastructure requirements such as rail and road reserves.”



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The Minister said planning to cater for a proposed university at Rockingham was another consideration in the preparation of the amendment.

“Changes are needed to the reservation for the planned passenger rail route which will connect Mandurah and Rockingham to Perth,” Mr Lewis said.

“The modified alignment will not impact on the proposed university campus, allow for the university’s integration with the adjoining TAFE centre, provide a better link with the Rockingham city centre and foster a more efficient public transport system.

“Importantly, the rail line will now avoid environmentally sensitive areas.”

Mr Lewis said other changes proposed in the amendment would further define the essential east-west regional road network, linking future areas of urban growth to the Kwinana Freeway.

“The amendment further recognises the need for efficient road and rail transport networks in areas identified for rapid growth in the future,” he said.

The amendment contains a total of 32 proposals and is available for public comment until May 17, 1996.

More detailed information is available at the Ministry for Planning, Cities of Perth, Fremantle, Melville, Rockingham and Cockburn, the Town of Kwinana and the State Reference Library.

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