

Go-ahead for Coogee Master Plan

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The State Government has acted to end years of uncertainty for residents and industries in Coogee by endorsing the Coogee Master Plan.

Under the plan, residential development will go ahead in South Coogee and special industry in North Coogee.

Commerce and Trade Minister Hendy Cowan said today that putting the plan in place would bring major improvements to the area in terms of its appearance and the quality of life for people living there.

"The plan endorsed by Cabinet was an amendment to the original Coogee Master Plan and has taken local views into account with the aim of providing more open space," Mr Cowan said.

"The plan was amended after extensive consultation with other Government departments and agencies, the Cockburn City Council and the public.

"Cabinet's endorsement of the plan will set in train a range of processes associated with the statutory planning and environmental processes which over time will invigorate the area.

"These steps include a start to negotiations to relocate South Coogee industries to the north; transfer of land surplus to Robb Jetty requirements to Landcorp to accommodate seafood processing industries; and the initiation of amendments to the Metropolitan Region Scheme to guide future development of the area.

"It should also trigger expansion and new investment by industry, which has been in abeyance while the whole question of redevelopment for Coogee has been under review."

The Master Plan has been updated in the light of recent Government decisions on the Robb Jetty Abattoir and the Fremantle Eastern Bypass.

"Under the plan, the Government will compensate industries which will have to relocate from South Coogee, and will contribute to general upgrading of the Coogee area," Mr Cowan said.



Hendy Cowan

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"The total relocation cost to Government is estimated at \$15.4 million, comprising purchase of existing sites, demolition, site rehabilitation, contribution to new premises, landscaping, consulting and contingency costs.

"These commitments are spread over three years.

"However, the cost of compensation to the Government will be partly offset by the amount to be recovered from the sale of Government land."

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