

Agreement reached on redevelopment of Port Catherine

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Redevelopment of Port Catherine is a step closer following a project agreement being reached between the State Government and private developers.

Planning Minister Graham Kierath said the degraded industrial area at South Coogee would be redeveloped by Port Catherine Developments over a 10-year period.

Initial concept plans provided for residential development, a marina including breakwaters, jetties, boat-launching facilities, a commercial complex with office, shop, hotel and restaurant uses, and a variety of community facilities including public open space, public water zones, access roads and public access to the foreshore.

"The project was initiated in 1988 as part of a plan to improve the Cockburn coastal area and return industrial land to the community," Mr Kierath said.

"At the time the area was home to woolscouring, chrome-based tanneries and abattoirs but with the relocation of these noxious industries, the site is available for high quality residential development and community facilities.

"It is an excellent opportunity to reclaim prime coastal land and improve coastal access."

Port Catherine Developments must now obtain all the statutory approvals required to initiate development and advise the Western Australian Planning Commission by February 1999 of its final commitment to proceed with the project.

Port Catherine Developments is a subsidiary of Australand Holdings Ltd. The project also includes Consolidated Marine Developments and Anchorage Industries.

The Planning Commission, under the project agreement, is responsible for remediating contaminated land and making it available for development.

"The Government is pleased the project involves one of Australia's biggest and most experienced land developers, Australand Holdings Pty Ltd," Mr Kierath said.

He said the Planning Commission was overseeing the project which was proceeding in accordance with the groundwork laid by the Department of



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Commerce and Trade.

In 1993, \$15 million was allocated by the Government for planning and remediation.

"Now it is up to the developer to take the necessary steps to get the project off the ground," the Minister said.

"A Metropolitan Region Scheme amendment will be proposed to allow for an alteration of the Fremantle-Rockingham Controlled Access Highway reserve and this will be assessed by the EPA before it is advertised.

"The developers have also begun environmental assessment on contaminated land, the project's impact on the foreshore where breakwaters and a marina are proposed, and the project's effect on System 6 land on the eastern side.

"While this is a complex project to undertake, as parts of the site are degraded, its success will be of benefit to the community in years to come, providing a much improved coastal area and further choice in residential developments."

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