

New sustainable community planned for Cockburn Coast

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A modern, lively, oceanside community is being planned on 95ha of land behind the coastal dunes along the Cockburn Coast between South Beach and Port Coogee.

Planning and Infrastructure Minister Alannah MacTiernan today released a draft Cockburn Coast District Structure Plan for public comment

The plan would enable mixed commercial and residential development, with the landmark South Fremantle Power Station as a central focus.

"This plan sees the development of 5,300 new homes along with a new school and business premises providing thousands of new jobs," Ms MacTiernan said.

"A coastal planning strategy will protect the coastal dunes, ensuring that this community grows without compromising the area's magnificent natural asset.

"The plan allows for medium to high density residential development, with a mix of dwelling sizes and an affordable housing target, to provide homes for people from all walks of life.

"It will be a community designed on Network City principles, with easy access to local work, recreation and services and to the wider public transport system.

"This includes retail and services hubs based around public transport, with space for schools, community facilities and shops.

"Land zoned for businesses and for mixed residential and commercial development will create local employment opportunities.

"Promenades, bridges and laneways linking residential, recreational and retail areas and the beaches will make the Cockburn Coast a very pleasant place to live in.

"The power station could be reborn as the iconic focus for the development - potentially a quality hotel with cafes and shopping and public spaces.

"Development will conform to State Planning Policy guidelines regarding the height of and setback of buildings in coastal locations.

"While the structure plan provides a framework on which the State Government, local governments and developers can work, individual development proposals will still be required to meet local and State



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planning and environmental requirements.

"This is an opportunity to provide a unique living environment that is accessible for all Western Australians, creating a new community with own distinctive beat and flavour."

Cockburn Mayor Stephen Lee said Cockburn Coast was an exciting urban renewal project that would ultimately be home to up to 10,800 new residents.

"We are really forging ahead with this and other exciting projects," Mr Lee said.

"The Port Coogee and South Beach developments have been a fantastic start to the revitalisation of this forgotten coastal area.

"The city has fought hard to ensure that the heritage of the precinct is maintained; other cities around the world have transformed heritage buildings into major civic attractions, something we would like the power station to become."

Fremantle Mayor Peter Tagliaferri said the City of Fremantle was pleased to be involved and given an opportunity to provide input into the draft structure plan.

"It's a very important piece of coastline and we need to ensure proper and careful planning for future generations, particularly in the area of coastal setbacks," Mr Tagliaferri said.

"We welcome the community consultation period and I would encourage as many people as possible in both Fremantle and Cockburn to have their say on this matter."

Ms MacTiernan commended the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) and the steering committee and reference group for their collaborative approach to planning, listening to the needs of all stakeholders and capitalising on the opportunities presented to help the Cockburn coast reach its potential.

"The plan builds on the commitment, momentum and effort of the 2005 Vision for the Cockburn Coast Dialogue and Network City, and delivers a clear framework to fundamentally transform the Cockburn Coast with people and communities at its heart," Ms MacTiernan said.

The public are invited to comment on the draft district structure plan until Monday September 15.

The plan and supporting documents can be viewed at the WAPC website <http://www.wapc.wa.gov.au/comment> or by contacting the commission on 9264 7777.

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