INVESTMENT AND JOBS BOOST FOR ETTALONG BEACH

The NSW Government has approved a $27.4 million residential, commercial and retail development on a car park site at Ettalong.

Minister for Planning, Tony Kelly, said the development at the junction of Memorial Avenue and the Esplanade, opposite Ettalong Beach, will generate around 200 construction and 32 operational jobs.

“This proposal, by Tesrol Ettalong Pty Ltd, will place additional homes, employment and services close to the centre of Ettalong, consistent with the Central Coast Regional Strategy,” the Minister said.

The approval provides for the construction of two buildings over two stages.

Stage one is a seven-storey mixed-use building including:

- Retail at ground level;
- 45 residential units and communal facilities on upper levels; and
- Basement parking.

Stage two involves a two-storey retail and commercial building.

The Environmental Assessment was exhibited for 30 days and the proponent then submitted a Preferred Project Report (PPR) in response to the issues raised.

As a result of submissions, Tesrol Ettalong reduced the height of the building by 3.8 metres, increased the setback of levels three to five from the southern boundary facing The Esplanade and deleted the rooftop plant.

This reduced the overall height, bulk and scale of the building by the equivalent of one storey.

The Department of Planning has assessed the merits of the PPR and found it achieved an appropriate level of design that will maintain and enhance the local area.

It recommended the proposal for approval, subject to Tesrol Ettalong making contributions to council for drainage, road works, open space, community facilities and car parking.

As a major project, the proposal was assessed under Part 3A of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.