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### **Gosford Waterfront considered for State significant site**

The NSW Government in partnership with Gosford City Council will now drive planning outcomes for the Gosford Waterfront site in the Gosford city centre following its declaration as a potential State significant site (SSS).

Planning Minister, Tony Kelly, said the site had the potential to attract considerable economic investment in the city centre and fuel employment growth.

“The Gosford Waterfront site is an important component in the broader revitalisation of Gosford City Centre,” Mr Kelly said.

“However there is a need to review and establish a new planning regime to reflect the vision for this key waterfront site.

“Redevelopment at this location could generate in the order of 1,000 new local jobs, as well as some 800 new dwellings in close proximity to the city centre.

“This is in addition to delivering other public benefits such as improving the public domain along the foreshore, strengthening connections between the city centre and the waterfront and creating new business, recreational and tourist opportunities.”

The 97.5-hectare site includes 13.5 hectares of foreshore land along with 84 hectares of water.

Mr Kelly said that one criterion to be considered as an SSS is that the site be of strategic importance to due its location, contribution to regional development or potential to deliver employment, housing or services.

“The regional strategy identifies Gosford city centre as regional city for the Central Coast, to develop and grow as a vibrant, attractive and liveable mix-use city centre,” Mr Kelly said.

Member for Gosford, Marie Andrews, said that investigating this site as a potential SSS will contribute toward realising this vision for Gosford city.

“This underlines the importance the NSW Government has placed on this area following on from Monday’s declaration of Central Coast as its own region,” Ms Andrews said.

“Gosford City Council has also indicated its support for the site to be considered as a potential SSS.”

The NSW Land and Property Management Authority (LPMA), as landowner, will prepare a State significant site study in close consultation with council, so that local knowledge and resources are utilised to deliver the appropriate planning outcome.

The process would complement the objectives of the Gosford City Centre Master Plan, developed as part of the Gosford Challenge, which is a joint initiative between LPMA and the council to rejuvenate the city centre.

The Department of Planning will assess the study, which will inform zoning and other detailed planning controls for the area. The Department will now prepare the requirements for the study in consultation with relevant Government agencies and the council so that LPMA may commence the study.