MORE JOBS AND NEW HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR COFFS HARBOUR

The NSW Government has announced approval of the Coffs Harbour CBD Local Environmental Plan (LEP) which is expected to generate 2,000 jobs and housing for 5,000 residents in the local area.

NSW Planning and Infrastructure Minister Brad Hazzard says approval of the LEP supports the NSW Government vision of sustainable growth in regional city centres and will provide certainty for Coffs Harbour businesses and residents.

“This plan will stimulate economic growth and help address the current housing and skills shortage on the rapidly growing Mid-North Coast,” Mr Hazzard said.

“The Department of Planning and Infrastructure has endorsed the LEP which covers the Jetty precinct, Park Beach areas and the CBD. The LEP will sit alongside a vision statement and Development Control Plan.

Local MP, Andrew Fraser has welcomed the announcement and says the plans will increase business confidence.

“This is great news for the local community and will allow for sustained investment in the Coffs Harbour region.”

Coffs Harbour Mayor Keith Rhoades says the documents will guide development in the city centre for the next 25 years.

“I am very happy the NSW Government has been able to work cooperatively with the council to develop these plans,” Cr Rhoades said.

The plan identifies outcomes for three key precincts across the city:
- the CBD – where development incentives are designed to encourage business investment and a greater mix of residential and commercial uses;
- the Jetty Village – which is proposed to be strengthened as a tourist precinct, with outdoor dining encouraged and buildings generally limited to five storeys; and
- Park Beach – which is also proposed to be revitalised as a tourist centre

The vision statement is geared towards making Coffs Harbour a regional hub for education and employment, and incorporates the city’s strengths in health, education, retail and tourism.

The plans identify 14 precincts and eight ‘special areas’ within the city centre and provides detailed character statements for each.

“These plans were developed in close consultation with the local community - more than 400 submissions were received and each was taken into account before finalising the Coffs Harbour LEP,” Mr Hazzard said.

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