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Gosford waterfront development plans to be revised

Minister for Planning and Infrastructure Brad Hazzard today confirmed his commitment to progress plans for the initial stage of development for the Gosford waterfront precinct.

Mr Hazzard said the Central Coast Regional Development Corporation would continue to pursue plans to rezone land for commercial, recreation, entertainment and tourism facilities on public land adjoining the existing Gosford CBD and extending towards the waterfront.

He said Stage 1 of 'The Landing at Gosford' project would have significant public benefits and was being supported by Gosford City Council.

"Stage 1 proposes a range of community facilities including a much-needed regional performing arts and conference centre, a new restaurant and cafe precinct for the Gosford Breakwater area, a civic park and foreshore boardwalk, and a new pool and indoor recreation centre," Mr Hazzard said.

"There is also a proposal for a new hotel, and three commercial office buildings which have the potential to generate significant new employment opportunities on the Central Coast.

"These elements of the proposal are consistent with the masterplan for the precinct which was prepared in 2010 by Gosford Council and the NSW Government and received strong community support. Furthermore, this land is already in public ownership."

A proposal to rezone 52 hectares of land and water along the waterfront and list the precinct as a State significant site attracted strong community interest when it was publicly exhibited earlier this year, including more than 650 submissions and a 3000-signature petition.

Mr Hazzard said the majority of public objections related to stages 2 and 3, including a proposal for six residential finger wharves extending up to 110m into the Brisbane Water.

"It is clear that the community has serious concerns about the loss of public open space along the waterfront, visual and amenity impacts, building heights and traffic issues," Mr Hazzard said.

"In light of the strong community concerns, the CCRDC will not be proceeding with its proposal to rezone land for Stages 2 and 3 at this stage, and is currently preparing a response to submissions and a revised proposal to rezone only the land for Stage 1.

"The community will have an opportunity to review this revised proposal once it is submitted to the Department of Planning and Infrastructure.

"There will need to be substantial further investigations and studies into the development potential of the remaining land along the foreshore, before any rezoning proposal is considered," Mr Hazzard said.

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