Rezoning of Arncliffe and Banksia brings Bayside 2036 to life

A bright future, with open space, well-designed buildings, homes and jobs close to public transport has been secured for Bayside West, with the rezoning of the Arncliffe and Banksia Precincts.

Department of Planning and Environment’s Acting Deputy Secretary for Planning and Design, Brett Whitworth said the rezoning of these suburbs has been finalised, providing certainty for the community and putting the Bayside West 2036 Plan into action.

“This rezoning brings to life the Bayside West 2036 plan that was announced by the Planning Minister last month,” Mr Whitworth said.

A draft Special Infrastructure Contribution (SIC) is also on exhibition from today for feedback from the community that will ensure the right infrastructure is in place to support Bayside West.

Mr Whitworth said the SIC plan will set out how more than $86.4 million worth of critical infrastructure will be paid for or delivered by the developers, including primary and secondary schools, open space, road upgrades and improvements to pedestrian and cycle links.

“Good design has a critical role to play in creating great communities for people to live and work. Any building over three storeys will be subject to the Council’s design review panel and any building over 12 storeys will need to go through a design competition process.

“The precinct will be a great place to live for everyone, with new homes, shops, parks and jobs within walking distance of the existing train stations at Banksia and Arncliffe.

“A mix of 3,900 homes, from apartments, townhouses and terraces, to freestanding homes will provide greater choice, including around 600 social, affordable and private homes to be built on the NSW Land and Housing Corporation site at Eden St.

“Expanding the existing Arncliffe and Banksia centres and maintaining the Princes Highway’s position as an employment area will pave the way for 4,000 new jobs in the Precinct,” he said.

A Green Plan has been released that will guide planning and design of open space and tree canopy cover in the precinct, including creating an interconnected network of open spaces, through biodiversity corridors and ensuring tree canopy cover in open spaces and streets.
The NSW Government is funding $10 million for upgrades to Arncliffe Park and Gardiner Park and a revamp of the Arncliffe Town Centre.

Mr Whitworth said the NSW Government will continue to work with the Council to ensure great opportunities and strategic planning for Cooks Cove is done at a local level.

“We have provided $2.5 million to Bayside Council to help update its local strategic planning and the Local Environment Plan, which is the primary tool to guide planning decisions for the Council to ensure local development is done appropriately,” he said.

The draft SIC is on public exhibition for community consultation until Friday, 23 November 2018. To view the final plans for Bayside West, the draft SIC and the Green Plan, or to make a submission on the draft SIC, visit www.planning.nsw.gov.au/baysidewest

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