



MINISTER FOR PLANNING AND INFRASTRUCTURE

MEDIA STATEMENT

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Minister signs off on major industrial plan for Perth's south-west corridor.

A master plan for one of Perth's most important industrial developments has been approved by Planning and Infrastructure Minister Alannah MacTiernan.

Ms MacTiernan has signed off on the Hope Valley Wattleup Redevelopment Project (HVWRP) master plan, which will guide development in the area for the next 30 years.

The plan will help sustain the State's near-record economic growth and deliver thousands of jobs in the decades to come.

The sign-off follows extensive community consultation and environmental review and approval of the Environmental Protection Authority and Minister for the Environment, as well as the Western Australian Planning Commission.

"This redevelopment – one of the biggest ever industrial developments undertaken in Australia – will ultimately deliver a sustainable mix of commercial and industrial precincts covering more than 1,000 hectares in Perth's south-west corridor and include a small area of rural residential land," Ms MacTiernan said.

"It will provide the industrial land supply needed to support the State's economic growth in this region for the next 30 years."

The HVWRP area is located between Fremantle and Rockingham in Perth's rapidly expanding south-western corridor.

The project is expected to deliver about 10,000 jobs.

"This precinct is part of the Gallop Government's plan to continue to deliver economic growth and jobs for Western Australians," Ms MacTiernan said.

"The opportunities for the precinct are endless, including development of eco-industrial park concepts to promote more efficient use of infrastructure and encourage the reuse and recycling of industrial by-products as inputs for other activities.

“Established industries can be relocated to purpose-built precincts where they can profit through co-location with other businesses with commercial synergy.

“Activities to complement and support current and proposed bulk cargo facilities can be established as can a distribution centre servicing the region.

“The master plan also includes the retention and protection of significant natural features and their incorporation into overall planning to lay the foundation for a leading example of modern, sustainable industrial development.”

Throughout the plan’s development, local landowners and the community have been consulted.

“Adoption of the master plan means landowners within the redevelopment area will have certainty of land use embedded in town planning provisions and will be able to plan accordingly,” the Minister said.

“LandCorp has worked with the community to tackle the many issues associated with the voluntary acquisition of properties and in achieving planning outcomes that met local needs as far as practicable.”

A community reference group, which included community representatives and Cockburn and Peel MLAs Fran Logan and Norm Marlborough, was actively involved in the planning process and the master plan has undergone a rigorous public assessment process which attracted 63 submissions raising a total of 450 issues.

“Both Fran Logan and Norm Marlborough played key roles in the many aspects of the consultation with the community on this complex project,” Ms MacTiernan said

“A comprehensive environmental assessment was also undertaken and this included the scrutiny offered by an environmental appeal process.

“A number of changes have been made to the plan in response to feedback received in both planning and environmental submissions.

“The master plan’s approval now clears the way for more detailed structure planning for the area to begin early in 2005. A structure plan would include details of transport and other key infrastructure decisions to allow the detailed area redevelopment to commence.”

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