



Media Release

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Extraordinary meeting to discuss riverfront master plan

Shoalhaven City Council will hold an extraordinary meeting on Tuesday 15 February 2011 from 3.30pm to discuss the draft Shoalhaven Riverfront Master Plan.

Council's Development Committee discussed a report on the draft Master Plan at its meeting on Tuesday 8 February. The recommendation before the committee was to exhibit the draft Master Plan in conjunction with the exhibition of the draft Nowra CBD Master Plan, then provide all work on the draft Riverfront Master Plan to the consultants – ARUP Pty Ltd – who are working on the draft Nowra CBD Master Plan.

This would allow council to merge both draft Master Plans into a single master plan following the community consultation stage.

Council's Development Committee has endorsed the recommendation and in doing so decided to hold an extraordinary meeting of Council in Nowra on 15 February to allow a representative of interested landowners to make a deputation to Council before a final decision to proceed to public exhibition with the draft Master Plan.

Council has resolved on 30 October 2007 to prepare a draft LEP amendment to reclassify the Nowra pool site as "operational" land in the river front precinct. Council also resolved on 26 February 2008 to rezone land bound by Bridge Road, Mandalay Avenue, Scenic Drive and Hyam Street, Nowra to allow mixed use development. The Department of Planning then sought strategic justification for this proposed change. The Department then requested a clear definition of the open space and any loss of open space and proposals in regard to flood liable land to be adequately justified. Following this Council engaged consultant Cox Humphries Moss Pty Ltd to prepare a master plan for the river front precinct.

All citizens are invited to attend the extraordinary meeting in Council's Chambers at Bridge Road, Nowra.

Council's Resources and Reserves Committee will meet immediately following the extraordinary meeting.

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