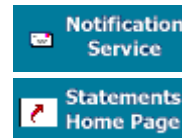


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\$2.8million bridge contract awarded for Champion Lakes

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A contract has been awarded for a \$2.8million bridge project between the facilities island and the shore at Champion Lakes.

Planning and Infrastructure Minister Alannah MacTiernan said the contract marked an exciting stage in development of a world-class water sports and community recreation venue at Armadale.

"The new bridge will provide vehicle access for sporting organisations to facilities on the island for rowing, canoeing, triathlon and other similar events," Ms MacTiernan said.

"There will also be pedestrian access for spectators and other people just enjoying walking around the lake and surrounding areas.

"Works on the site are scheduled to begin in October 2006 and are expected to be finished by March 2007.

"Once the bridge is built, the earth causeway will be removed, completing the link between the warm-up lake and main body of water for the first time."

The Minister said the Armadale Redevelopment Authority had awarded the contract to specialist bridge construction firm, JJ McDonald and Sons Engineering Pty Ltd.

"This is another exciting step forward for the Champion Lakes development, which will provide a big boost to Armadale and the South Eastern Corridor," she said.

"Proposals for additional facilities, such as a white water rafting park, are currently being assessed and details will be released later this year.

"The project also incorporates 26ha of residential land, small commercial outlets, picnic areas, cycling and walk paths, short-term accommodation and a planned Aboriginal cultural/interpretive centre.

"There is also scope for a conference centre, to accommodate corporate and community functions and events."



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