

Bright future for Brookdale in renewal area

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The State Government's plans for the redevelopment of the southern suburb of Brookdale would attract national and international interest, Planning and Infrastructure Minister Alannah MacTiernan said.

"Brookdale will become a model example of a sustainable urban area," Ms MacTiernan said. (See attached plan.)

"The State Government has handed 1,580ha in Brookdale to the Armadale redevelopment area with the support of the City of Armadale.

"This environmentally sensitive, under-used land south-west of the city centre is a logical addition to the Armadale urban renewal project."

The area currently contains horse, cattle and sheep grazing properties, orchards, a poultry farm and rural residences.

"The Armadale Redevelopment Authority is starting work on a 15-to-20-year master plan for Brookdale in line with its commitment to sustainable development," the Minister said.

"The master plan is expected to take 15 months to finalise.

"It will envisage a diverse and vibrant residential area that showcases best practice in sustainable urban development incorporating natural resource management, water sensitive urban design and energy-efficient housing.

"The Brookdale master plan will create up to 10,000 lots and allow for a population growth to 30,000 residents.

"It will be an important part of our plan to revitalise Armadale as the strategic regional centre for the south-east corridor.

"The development will recognise Brookdale's Aboriginal and European cultural history, as well as being used as a model to guide development in similar water-sensitive areas here in WA and nationally."

Ms MacTiernan said Brookdale had the advantages of existing infrastructure and a location close to a regional centre and the proposed Forrestdale Industrial Business Park.

"The business park will be a major new focus of economic and employment activity for the region with the potential to generate up to 4,000 new jobs," she said.

The redevelopment is expected to begin in the middle of next year, when the Tonkin Highway extension reaches Forrest Road.

The area to be redeveloped will include the site of the controversial liquid waste disposal facility that closed at the end of last year.

"Possible future uses of the rehabilitated site include a water-wise golf course in the buffer area," the Minister said.

She said Brookdale would be developed by a partnership of Government, industry and the community. Partners included the City of Armadale, Water and Rivers Commission, the Water Corporation, the Department of Planning and Infrastructure , CSIRO and major landowners including Department of Housing and Works, LandCorp and Peet & Company Ltd.

The ARA planning team would also consult with the community at workshops and information sessions held during the master planning process.

The ARA will shortly write to all landowners in Brookdale inviting them to an information evening that will outline the planning process.

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