

ARMADALE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY'S DRAFT CONCEPT PLAN RELEASED

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The Armadale Redevelopment Authority's concept plan for the rejuvenation of Armadale has been released.

Planning and Infrastructure Minister Alannah MacTiernan on signing off on the plan said it was the result of several years of extensive community consultation.

"However, the planning process required this further staged opportunity for more community input," Ms MacTiernan said.

"The draft concept plan is an easily understood document that outlines proposals for the development and growth of Armadale as a strategic regional centre.

"The plan underlines the State Government's confidence in the region and in the work of the ARA.

"The development proposals focus on ensuring a better quality of life for everyone now and in the future. Over the coming years the urban renewal project will become a showcase for environmentally-sound residential and industrial development."

Ms MacTiernan said she hoped the draft concept plan would promote discussion and comment, giving the ARA plenty of input for the planning process that would guide development in the next decade.

"All constructive comments will be considered as the plan is reviewed and refined, and I urge everyone with an interest in the area to read this information and take part in shaping Armadale's future," she said.

Ms MacTiernan said the ARA plans included boosting Armadale's economy and creating thousands of new jobs.

"The environment will also benefit from the remediation of degraded land and the creation of new parks and wetlands," the Minister said.

Key redevelopment concepts outlined in the draft concept plan included:

- design and planning improvements to the city centre;
- creating an international-standard rowing course, public recreation areas and commercial and residential development at Champion Lakes;
- developing a contemporary, functional business node at South Armadale and a business industrial park at Forrestdale to generate up to 4,000 new jobs; and
- new residential areas showcasing industry best practice in urban water management and energy efficient housing in the inner city, at

Champion Lakes, Champion Drive and on the CALM site on Albany Highway, which was also suitable for medical and community uses.

The 60-day public comment period ends on February 20, 2004.

Displays on the draft concept plan will be located at the ARA office at Shop 4-5, Armadale Shopping City in the Jull Street mall, and at the City of Armadale office in Orchard Avenue.

People wanting to comment on the plan should complete a submission form, available at the displays and on the ARA's website <http://www.ara.wa.gov.au>.

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