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CCRDC delivering on Stage 1 of *Our City Our Destiny*

The Central Coast Regional Development Corporation (CCRDC) today announced it has lodged a revised submission to amend planning controls for part of the Gosford CBD with the Department of Planning and Infrastructure.

CCRDC Chair John Taylor said the revised submission addresses the concerns expressed by the public to the previous application for The Landing.

“A new development control plan (DCP) will set the stage for the CCRDC to recommence our work revitalising Gosford, which is the key to securing the social and economic future of the whole of the Central Coast,” Mr Taylor said.

“If approved, new planning controls will allow development that will create up to 3,000 new jobs and so facilitate future development of Gosford, creating further jobs and growing the broader regional economy.

“This approach ensures we keep the ball rolling in delivering the vision for the Central Coast outlined in the popular *Our City Our Destiny* Master Plan developed by the community through The Gosford Challenge.

“Going back to basics and focusing on a new land use framework shows our commitment to consultation and acknowledgement that taking small steps through the planning process is the best way to move forward.

“A new DCP will guide development of the Stage 1 site in the Gosford CBD, allowing us to go to market and seek interest from potential developers in creating a vibrant, desirable and sustainable hub.”

Gosford City Council Mayor, Lawrie McKinna welcomed the CCRDC’s move to put forward a revised submission for the Gosford waterfront to the Department of Planning and Infrastructure.

“Revisiting planning controls for this important part of the Gosford CBD is an opportunity for the whole community to return to the ideas that inspired the Gosford Challenge and the City’s Master Plan *Our City Our Destiny*,” he said.

“By returning to the original principles of *Our City Our Destiny*, we have an opportunity to unite business, the community and the government in getting Gosford going.”

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Mr Taylor said the new planning controls are the first step in delivering much-needed community facilities such as a new Regional Performing Arts and Conference Centre, improvements to Gosford City Park as well as significant commercial office space and improved infrastructure.

The revised submission will be on public exhibition from today 1 March 2013 until 5 April 2013.

The revised proposal and accompanying documents can be viewed on the Department of Planning & Infrastructure website (majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au) and the following locations during normal business hours:

- Department of Planning & Infrastructure Information Centre, 23-33 Bridge Street, Sydney;
- Department of Planning & Infrastructure Gosford office, Level 3, 107 Mann Street, Gosford;
- Gosford City Council, 49 Mann Street Gosford; and
- Gosford Library, 118 Donnison Street, Gosford.

“I encourage everyone to take the opportunity to view this next step in making Gosford a world-class, regional waterfront city. Together we can grow Gosford as a city that gets better and not just bigger each decade,” Mr Taylor said.

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