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MASTERPLAN TO RENEW TWEED HEADS TOWN CENTRE

NSW Assistant Planning Minister, Diane Beamer, has a vision for Tweed Heads as a vibrant, diverse community with more people living, working and playing in a revitalised town centre.

Ms Beamer was speaking at the launch of the draft Masterplan for the Tweed Heads Town Centre Precinct.

“The vision for the Masterplan is to create a multi functional, dynamic town centre, bringing together a variety of residential, commercial, retail, educational and cultural activities,” Minister Beamer said.

The Masterplan was commissioned by the Tweed Heads Ministerial Task Force as part of an Economic Development Strategy to revitalise the town centre and surrounding areas.

The Taskforce was set up in June 2002, and Ms Beamer launched the Development Strategy last October.

“At that time, I said I was looking forward to returning to Tweed Heads to monitor the progress of the development of the Masterplan. The result is a blueprint for an exciting, sustainable future for Tweed Heads,” Ms Beamer said

“The underlying objective of the Masterplan is to have more people living and working in the heart of the town centre that will feature renewed business and social activities.

“We will see a diversity of residences that complement the Coolangatta and Tweed Heads waterfront developments and integrate with existing key attractions.

“The Masterplan will ensure Tweed Heads’ rightful place as NSW’s major northern gateway,” Ms Beamer said.

The Masterplan provides a framework to guide future development for the Town Centre including the location, scope and distribution mix of land uses, buildings, open space networks and all public domains.

The Masterplan builds on Tweed Heads' current strengths including nearby residential developments, successful retail and entertainment facilities such as Tweed Mall, Twin Town Services Club and existing regional features such as Tweed Hospital, Southern Cross University and the Jack Evans Boat Harbour.

"We are now putting the draft Masterplan on public exhibition and I hope as many people as possible will get involved in the comment and consultation process before we finalise the Plan," Ms Beamer said.

"I also wish to thank Mr Neville Newell MP, chair of the Ministerial Taskforce, and the members of the Taskforce for their commitment to the revitalisation of Tweed Heads Town Centre over the last 20 months."

The Taskforce will continue to work closely with the community during the exhibition period of the Masterplan to provide the opportunity for residents, traders and the business community to discuss the proposals and the design concepts for the Town Centre and to provide feedback to the Taskforce.

"I look forward to receiving the final Taskforce report next month and to the implementation of the Masterplan. Together with the community, we will be creating a vibrant and successful new commercial and social heart for Tweed Heads," Ms Beamer said.

The Masterplan is on public exhibition until the end of May and a full presentation will take place on May 18 at Tweed Heads Civic Centre. This will be followed by a series of focus group presentations at different venues. The Masterplan is also available on the Taskforce website at: www.iplan.nsw.gov.au/tweedheadstaskforce

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From left to right – Neville Newell MP (Chair of Taskforce), The Hon. Diane Beamer MP (Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister for Western Sydney, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Infrastructure and Planning (Planning Administration)), Magdy Youssef (Project Manager)



The Hon. Diane Beamer being given the tour of the draft Masterplan by Magdy Youssef.



Minister Diane Beamer
launching the draft
Masterplan