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**PUBLIC SHOULD FULLY PARTICIPATE IN DISCUSSIONS
ON GOSFORD WATERFRONT**

New concept plans for the Gosford Waterfront Precinct will go to Central Coast Council on Tuesday night and if it is approved to move to the next stage local residents should make a concerted effort to make their views known to Council.

The documents released are high level concept plans to restart the conversation regarding the creation of a world class waterfront precinct connection for Gosford City and residents should guide what a final plan should look like.

The former NSW Labor Government in consultation with the then Gosford City council developed a strategy for Gosford entitled “Our City Our Destiny” which involved a very detailed public consultation process over several years.

This document essentially continues to drive the strategic direction of Gosford City, with the important Waterfront precinct being the last element which has so far included the hospital/university precinct, the central business core, and the railway precinct.

It was always envisaged that to create a vibrant city there had to be connection to the Waterfront.

“It is vitally important that the community talks about the kind of waterfront precinct they want to ensure large amounts of public space, visual impacts, and important issues such as access and parking in the development of any plan moving forward – The current visuals are high level concept pictures, and any final development would look quite different” said David Harris MP Shadow Minister for the Central Coast.

“ It is important we start the discussion on a world class, vibrant Waterfront, even with the Council in Administration because its already been 12 years since the original concept plans were put forward” said David Harris MP.

“ The current period of Administration is not due to end until new elections in September 2024 and these catalyst projects, which correctly require a large amount of public discourse should start as soon as possible” said David Harris MP.

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