

Start of demolition work on Coogee industrial site

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Demolition work started this week on the first industrial site in South Coogee to be levelled as part of the Coogee Master Plan redevelopment.

The demolition is the start of a major development program being managed by the Western Australian Government and Cockburn City Council. It involves relocating industry and establishing a new residential area.

Under the plan, residential development will go ahead in South Coogee and special industry in North Coogee.

Commerce and Trade Minister Hendy Cowan said today that the demolition contract got under way this week at the old Metro Meats works in Cockburn Road. It would take 12 weeks to complete.

"This is the first tangible sign of the master plan being implemented after more than six years of preparation and negotiation between South Coogee industries, local government, and a number of State Government agencies," Mr Cowan said.

"The plan is an exciting development for the south-western metropolitan area.

"It will bring major improvements to the area in terms of its appearance and the quality of life for people living there.

"The Departments of Commerce and Trade and Planning and Urban Development developed the plan with extensive public consultation.

"While it should be acknowledged that planning began under the previous government, the Coalition Government has taken into account local views and acted to provide additional public open space.

"Cabinet endorsed the plan late last year and negotiations are taking place to relocate South Coogee industries to the north, and to transfer land formerly part of Robb Jetty to Landcorp to accommodate seafood processing industries."

Mr Cowan said contracts for the demolition of seven more sites like Metro Meats' would be subsequently signed as part of the development process.

"Local people will be pleased to see that the noxious industries which have been a problem for them are being relocated and to see evidence that these industrial sites are being reclaimed," he said.



Hendy Cowan

"The development of the North Coogee industrial area is set to trigger expansion and new investment by industry, which has been in abeyance while the whole question of redevelopment for Coogee has been under review."

Mr Cowan said that under the plan, the Government had assisted some industries which had had to relocate from South Coogee and was contributing to the general upgrading of the Coogee area.

"The total relocation cost to Government is estimated at \$15.4 million, comprising purchase of existing sites, demolition, site rehabilitation, contribution to new premises, landscaping, consulting and contingency costs," he said.

"These commitments are spread over three years. However, the cost of compensation to the Government will be partly offset by the amount to be recovered from the sale of Government land."

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