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WOLLONGONG HARBOUR CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC

Minister for Lands, Tony Kelly, said the Wollongong Harbour Consultative Committee has delivered its report on the revitalisation of Wollongong Harbour.

Mr Kelly said he was grateful for the good work the committee had undertaken over the last six months and was pleased to consider their recommendations.

“The committee was formed in September last year to provide local input and guidance on the future direction of the harbour revitalisation proposals,” Mr Kelly said.

“The committee had broad representation from the Illawarra community including heritage, business, the social sector, education, harbour users and tourism groups.

”It has provided advice on how issues such as building heights, development footprints and land uses should be addressed in the next stage of the revitalisation/redevelopment.

Mr Kelly said the report is now publicly available on the Department of Lands website (www.lands.nsw.gov.au).

“I am considering the report myself and I expect a call for more detailed proposals will be made in the coming months.

“The public should be aware that proposals are just that and should not be seen as final decisions on the harbour revitalisation project.

“I also want to make it clear that there will be further public consultation on any development proposal as they are formed through the formal statutory planning and assessment process.

“Lands is conducting a survey of the consultative committee report and members of the community can contribute their views on the report.

“The survey responses will be used in conjunction with the committee report to help frame a call for development proposals in coming months.

“The survey is available on the Lands web site until Sunday, 26 April 2009.



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“The Rees Government is committed to ensuring our coastal infrastructure remains in public hands and continues to play an important role in the recreational, business, and cultural life of coastal communities.

“This Wollongong harbour revitalisation proposal aims to make the area more accessible, vibrant and attractive and to provide a sustainable source of income that will allow the land to be managed and protected for future generations,” Mr Kelly said.

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