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BOYDS BAY MARINA DEVELOPMENT MOVES FORWARD

Minister for Lands, Tony Kelly, today announced that Twin City Marina Consortium was the preferred proponent for the development of a world class marina and recreational boating facility at Boyds Bay, Tweed Heads.

Mr Kelly said the consortium was a joint venture between Seymour Group and Watpac Property, both substantial Queensland based companies with a sound background in the maritime industry.

“This exciting project will cater for growth in the recreational boating industry, improve boating and mooring facilities, and provide a development that is environmentally sustainable” Mr Kelly said.

“Twin City Marina has credibility in the maritime industry as well as strong capability to design, construct and operate such a facility.

“The proposed \$30 million development of the Boyds Bay Marina will consist of a 185 berth marina and a dry stack facility capable of housing 162 boats.

“The development may also include a café, boat hire, refuelling, sewerage pump out, public amenities and marine service facilities.

Mr Kelly said the development, if approved, would result in valuable economic benefits to the local economy.

“It is estimated around 200 jobs would be created during the construction stage of the project with ongoing full time employment in excess of 40 jobs once completed.

“The Boyds Bay site is effectively the only site on the Tweed River suitable for such a facility being close to the main channel and river entrance, and close to existing maritime facilities at Southern Boatharbour.

“The next stage of the project involves the finalisation of commercial terms and the signing of a development agreement.

“This commercial model between Lands and the proponent is an agreement to lease conditional on development approval.

“It will now be up to the proponent to prepare a development application and I can assure the community that public consultation will occur as part of the development assessment process.

“The Rees Government is committed to providing infrastructure, tourism facilities and employment to regional NSW,” Mr Kelly said.

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