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611 **WITHDRAWN** - PROPOSED PORT WAKEFIELD RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT  
AND ASSOCIATED ABORIGINAL HERITAGE ISSUES (Jay Weatherill)

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## CABINET NOTE

**TO: THE PREMIER FOR CABINET TO NOTE**

**RE: PROPOSED PORT WAKEFIELD RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AND ASSOCIATED ABORIGINAL HERITAGE ISSUES**

### **1. PROPOSAL**

- 1.1 That Cabinet note the information in this briefing regarding the proposed residential development at Port Wakefield and associated Aboriginal heritage issues.

### **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 A number of media outlets reported in mid April 2006 that the Chapman family, developer of the Hindmarsh Island Marina, was proposing a \$250 million, 2,000 home plan to straddle Port Wakefield Road and allow the sea to flow east, under a new bridge.
- 2.2 Reports were that the plan was to develop the project in two stages over 10-15 years. The first stage would involve 200-400 waterfront lots and a 250- berth marina with land set aside for support and retail services. The second stage would incorporate a residential estate of around 2,000 lots, including development extending to the eastern side of the main Port Wakefield Road.
- 2.3 Mr Andrew Chapman, of Gulf Harbour Pty Ltd, was reported as saying that while there had been no formal approach to Local or State Governments with the plan, there had been much discussion, and a meeting was scheduled with the Premier, Mr Rann. He said that the developer was hoping the project would gain Major Project status. Mr Chapman has now met with the Premier.
- 2.4 Mr Chapman further said he was not aware of any Aboriginal issues, but that any such issues would be addressed during environmental impact studies.
- 2.5 Mr Quenten Agius, of the Adjahdura Land Traditional Owners Group, was reported as saying that the area in question had been used by a number of Aboriginal groups as a trading point.
- 2.6 Ms Lynette Crocker, a Kaurna Elder who also has a connection to the Narungga people, was reported as confirming this. She was reported as saying "While it is not a registered Aboriginal site, there are Dreaming stories and song lines attached to that coast. There are heaps of areas that haven't been recorded but plenty of anecdotal evidence."

### **3. DISCUSSION**

- 3.1 As the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation, I am invested with an obligation to protect and preserve Aboriginal heritage. I therefore take a keen interest in such developments and their potential impact to Aboriginal sites, objects or remains.

- 3.2 The Register of Aboriginal Sites and Objects is not exhaustive, as sites recorded are those related only to areas of land for which Aboriginal heritage surveys have been conducted. The Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation Division of the Department of the Premier and Cabinet has no record of a heritage survey being conducted over the area of the planned Port Wakefield development. Past consultations by the former Department for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation with Kaurna and Narungga people in the vicinity of Port Wakefield have resulted in the reporting of archaeological sites. There has been only limited research into the possibility of dreaming sites in the area.
- 3.3 There are several Aboriginal groups with heritage interests in the Port Wakefield area, namely the Kaurna Native Title Claimants; the Kaurna Heritage Committee; the Narungga Nations Aboriginal Corporation (signatories along with the State and several Councils to the Narungga Local Government Indigenous Land Use Agreement); and the Adjahdura Land Traditional Owners Group.
- 3.4 I have written to Mr Andrew Chapman, a Director of Gulf Harbour Pty Ltd,
- informing him of the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1988* (the Act) and the developer's responsibilities under the Act;
  - encouraging the developer to work closely with all relevant Aboriginal groups to identify any heritage issues and secure a negotiated outcome that will satisfy both development and heritage interests;
  - advising him of the contact details for the major Aboriginal groups that I would consult on heritage matters in the area, and
  - informing him of the section 12 and (if required) section 23 processes available to the developer under the Act.
- 3.5 I have also written to Mr Quenten Agius of the Adjahdura Land Traditional Owners Group,
- outlining the process that I am recommending to the developer;
  - recommending that he consult widely within his community; and
  - informing him that I am happy 'to walk the country' with him at a date to be mutually negotiated.

#### 4. RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 That Cabinet note the information contained within this Cabinet Note regarding the proposed Port Wakefield residential development by the Chapman Family.



Hon Jay Weatherill MP

**MINISTER FOR ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND RECONCILIATION**

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