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Residential Development Plan Amendment gains Minister's approval

On Wednesday 4 October 2017 the Minister for Planning gazetted his decision to approve amendments to the Port Lincoln Council Development Plan that will see some **300 hectares of land in Port Lincoln rezoned for residential development**.

"I welcome the Minister's approval of our Residential DPA" said Mayor Bruce Green. "After many years of negotiation with the State Government, studies, comprehensive analysis and community consultation, it is pleasing to see the City now has zoned land to accommodate additional housing to meet our future needs".

All of the land currently in the Rural Living Zone and some land in the Rural Landscape Protection Zone has been rezoned with the approval of the amendment. Land previously constrained from development can now be subdivided and further developed. "This will provide existing and new residents with the opportunity of more choices for housing, taking advantage of the city and ocean views and lifestyle that Port Lincoln has to offer" stated Mayor Green.

The Council estimates that the additional residential land will meet demand for new housing for at least 15 years, with enough land readily zoned to build up to 5000 houses. Owners of affected land will be officially advised in the next week.

"The Council has been proactive in ensuring that land is available to meet demand for housing as our city grows, but also to be able to respond to increased housing requirements if there is rapid growth in the oil and gas industry and/or major mining activity, both of which would bring new workers and families to Port Lincoln" said Mayor Green.

"There is more work to be done to ensure infrastructure is in place to support this growth" said Mayor Green. "To continue to offer a quality lifestyle to all of our communities, Council will need to work with land owners and developers on further planning, fair sharing of costs, timing and quality standards for open space, stormwater management, community facilities and water and sewer services".

"The Minister's announcement is exciting news for Port Lincoln" Mayor Green continued. "The Council is looking forward to building new and sustainable communities that will realise our vision as a progressive, vibrant and safe coastal City that is an attractive place in which to live, work and grow".

Rob Donaldson
Chief Executive Officer

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