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Gosford Waterfront high on Chamber's Agenda

Last week we secured a meeting with the Deputy Premier The Hon. John Barilaro MP and the Minister for Planning The Hon. Anthony John ROBERTS MP. We spoke about the long history of planning for the waterfront and the many plans that we have seen and heard of throughout the years. We stated that it was now time for action and we needed Local Government and State Government to work together to help us make this a reality.

"We need a plan that ticks all the boxes, at least most, from the 2010 Master Plan for the "actual" Waterfront itself. The plan needs to also have a component of giving back to the community with green space, community facilities and the like. Just as important, the plan needs to have the 'right' financial backing so that we don't have more land banking currently happening in our City", said Gosford/Erina & Coastal Chamber President Ali Vidler.

"We have also had many discussions with Central Coast Council. They too have also stressed the need for the Waterfront to progress ahead. We have been assured that this is one of their top priorities, as seen at their recent Developers forum held last month".

"There has been discussions around a local Authority to be formed, but the Chamber believe that with Local Government and State Government now in discussions about the Waterfront that this is the best course of action at this point in time. Sometimes an appointed authority does not give a good balance. We will continue to follow this through with both levels of Government".

There are many exciting times ahead for our Capital City. The announcement of the Tender for the rest of the old school site will be announced very soon. After speaking with DOMA Group, the ATO is on track. Bonython Towers is selling very well along with other exciting apartments around the CBD.

"We have large companies looking to relocate their entire manufacturing plants here, who we are in discussions with. Cellate, presented at our February event, is just one example", said Ali Vidler.

"In saying this though, we need more than just apartments. We need the 'actual' Waterfront activated to help sustain all the apartment growth in and around the CBD. We need jobs, we need state of the art conference and hotel facilities and other vital infrastructure to help our Capital Cities future and the future as a region".

The Chamber is looking forward to meeting with the Candidates in the up-coming Gosford by-election in the next few days and continuing the spotlight on Gosford, Erina and Terrigal members as a whole and supporting the initiatives being taken by relevant stakeholders.

Notes to the editor

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