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PROPOSED MARITIME PRECINCT FOR SWANSEA

The establishment of a maritime precinct at Swansea is a step closer with Buildev Development (NSW) Pty Ltd to work with the NSW Government to examine opportunities.

NSW Minister for Lands, Tony Kelly, made the announcement during a visit to Swansea with local member, Robert Coombs.

A recent study sponsored by the Department of State and Regional Development and the local business community identified the opportunity to establish a maritime precinct within the Swansea Channel.

It is hoped such a precinct would:

- Provide a tourism feature for the Swansea town area;
- Meet demand for boating facilities;
- Provide community and visitor access to the water; and
- Restore links to former maritime history in the area.

Mr Kelly said Buildev has been selected as preferred proponent for the project following a recent Expression of Interest process conducted by the Land and Property Management Authority.

“A new maritime precinct at Swansea will provide stimulus to the local economy and bring much needed jobs back to the area,” the Minister said.

Mr Coombs welcomed the announcement.

“I am looking forward to working with Buildev to examine opportunities to establish a modern maritime precinct that will provide a focal point for local tourism as well as a valuable recreational resource for the local community,” Mr Coombs said.

“This project will provide Swansea and the local community with the same benefits and experiences provided by similar maritime precincts along the NSW coast such as Port Stephens, Coffs Harbour and Port Macquarie.”

Buildev will brief Lake Macquarie Councillors next month prior to commencing an extensive community consultation process and site due diligence work designed to establish project scope and viability.