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THE FUTURE OF WOLLONGONG HARBOUR

Residents have a chance to have their say on proposed options aimed at enhancing and protecting one of Wollongong’s most popular tourist attractions.

NSW Minister for Planning, Infrastructure and Lands, Tony Kelly, said the proposal aims to make the area more accessible, vibrant and attractive and provide a sustainable source of income allowing the land to be managed and protected for future generations.

“Guidelines developed by a professional architect based on recommendations from the Wollongong Harbour Consultative Committee’s report on revitalisation options for the harbour, are now on exhibition,” the Minister said.

“The Land and Property Management Authority (LPMA) is looking for community feedback on the draft design guidelines to help frame development proposals.

“These design guidelines should not be seen as final decisions on the harbour revitalisation process.”

At the same time, the nomination of the Harbour for State Heritage Listing is also on exhibition.

Mr Kelly said Wollongong Harbour is the oldest and most intact existing block-walled harbour in NSW and was the first southern port founded outside Sydney.

“LPMA and the Heritage Council will work closely together in this process by concurrently considering community feedback on both exhibition processes,” the Minister said.

“Any revitalisation plan for the Harbour can only be enhanced by recognition of its heritage value to Wollongong and the State.”


“I can assure the community there will be further public consultation on any development proposal through the formal statutory planning and assessment process,” the Minister said.

“This Government is committed to ensuring our coastal infrastructure remains in public hands and continues to play an important role in the recreational, business and cultural life of communities,” he added.