NEW LOOK PROPOSED FOR PORT MACQUARIE WATERFRONT

A plan has been unveiled to transform waterfront land at Port Macquarie into a sustainable social, environmental and economic hub.

Minister for Lands, Tony Kelly, said the Plan of Management covers Crown waterfront lands between Settlement Point and Town Beach and includes the Hastings River.

“An array of possible uses are proposed such as tourism, hospitality, waterfront recreation, retail and boating facilities,” the Minister said.

”Foreshore development sites and enhanced public access to the foreshore between Settlement Point and Town Beach are given equal weight.

“The plan also includes a dredging strategy in recognition of the importance of the lower Hastings River estuary to the economic, social and environmental future of the city.

“It’s hoped the proposed changes would better cater for existing and future needs of residents and tourists.

“This is a great opportunity to promote economic development and create jobs while at the same time improve public access to the waterfront.”

The public is encouraged to review the draft plan and have their say from today up till April 13 when the public exhibition period ends.

The draft plan is available for viewing on the Land and Property Management Authority’s website at www.lpma.nsw.gov.au, while hard copies can be viewed during office hours at Port Macquarie Library and Historic Court House in Clarence Street.