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RIVERSIDE WAGGA WAGGA MASTERPLAN ON EXHIBITION

Plans to develop Riverside Wagga Wagga as a focal point and destination for residents and visitors will go on public display on Monday.

Minister for Lands, Tony Kelly, said the draft Strategic Master Plan and a Draft Plan of Management are intended to provide long term vision guiding future development and interface of Wagga Wagga with the banks of the Murrumbidgee River.

Some of the suggestions in the draft plan include:

- A major community facility which will link the existing precinct to the river;
- Commercial opportunities to assist in the establishment and ongoing upkeep of other improvements;
- Improved and new recreation facilities such as picnic tables, amenities blocks, bird hides and viewing decks;
- A boat ramp and upgraded facilities at Wiradjuri Reserve;
- Revegetation and restoration of the natural environmental assets within Wilks Park (North Wagga Flats); and
- Provision of walking and cycling tracks.

Mr Kelly said the Riverside Wagga Wagga project is a joint partnership between the Land and Property Management Authority and Wagga Wagga City Council.

“I encourage the community to continue be involved in the process,” the Minister said.

“After submissions are received, the plan will be considered by the Land and Property Management Authority and Wagga Wagga City Council for adoption in April.”

Wagga Wagga Mayor, Kerry Pascoe, welcomed the announcement.

“The plan will be on exhibition from 1 February to 15 March 2010 at the Civic Centre and on the project website,” Mr Pascoe said.

To view the plan online go to: www.riversidewaggawagga.com.au