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Foreshore



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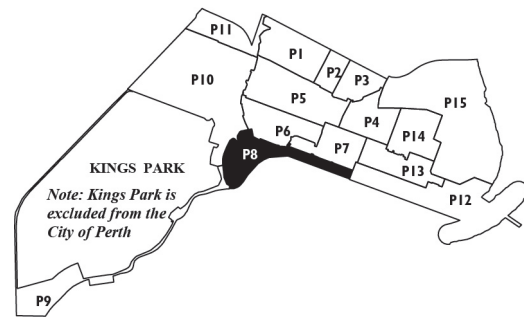
STATEMENT OF INTENT

The Foreshore Precinct will be augmented as a dramatic setting for the city as well as an area of intensive interest for public recreation.

At the regional scale the image of the Precinct and the adjoining foreshore precincts will be predominantly one of parkland and open space as part of an extensive, linked metropolitan foreshore parkland system. The city foreshore will be unique within this system in recognition of its central city location and role as a water gateway to the city centre. Strong visual and physical links between this Precinct and the city centre will be provided by carefully located elements of built form and continuous networks of open space.

Views to and from the foreshore and the surrounding features are to be established and enhanced. Landscaping will be ecologically sensitive and be capable of management by the local government. Proposed buildings and structures must preserve the parkland open space character of the foreshore while reinforcing the development node of Barrack Square. Development will have regard to matters such as scale, location, materials, colour and design character to promote a cohesive image for the Precinct, to protect important views and to achieve pedestrian comfort and amenity. Buildings, places and other objects having historical, architectural or other significance will be preserved and maintained.

A continuous, safe, attractive and clearly identified network of pedestrian paths, spaces and facilities will be provided throughout the foreshore and linked to the city centre. Endeavours will be made to maximise unrestricted and continuous pedestrian access along the waterfront. The Precinct will remain well served by public transport. Barrack Square should provide the principal entry to the city centre by water, serving as a gateway and a major destination at the end of the Barrack Street Promenade. The Square will remain the city's major ferry terminal and facilities will be maintained and expanded as necessary to maintain that role. The Square's boating and ferry activity should support its recreational and tourist oriented activities. Traffic flow will be regulated in accordance with the functional road hierarchy for the Scheme area. Traffic calming measures and the reduction of bypass traffic along Riverside Drive will create a safer and higher quality environment for pedestrians along the river foreshore. The Precinct will accommodate only small, well landscaped, short term carparks where vital for the functioning of the area.



Uses

The considerations below shall be taken into account in commenting on development applications:

- (a) Entertainment, cultural, civic and educational activities, and residential and visitor accommodation will be supported, as well as restaurants (including cafes), and taverns, particularly around the Barrack Square and Elizabeth Quay waterfront nodes.
- (b) Public transport related uses will be supported, provided they are of a scale in keeping with existing development at Barrack Square, and preferably located at Barrack Square.
- (c) Throughout the Precinct a wide range of leisure and active recreational activities, both on land and water, will be encouraged where they do not conflict with passive recreation, and landscape and environmental requirements.
- (d) Alfresco dining and cafe services will be supported in suitable locations where it is feasible.

RESERVES

Some of the land in the Precinct is reserved under the Metropolitan Region Scheme (MRS) for parks and recreation, other major highway and controlled access highway and as such falls within the planning authority of the Western Australian Planning Commission (administered by the Department for Planning) and the Swan River Trust. The local government nevertheless has management responsibilities for some of these areas, as well as having an opportunity to comment on development. All MRS reserves are shown on the Precinct Plan map. The matters referred to in this Precinct Plan will be taken into account in determining an application relating to any of the reserved land.

Barrack Square should provide the principal entry to the city centre by water, serving as a gateway and a major destination at the end of the Barrack Street promenade. The Square's recreational and tourist oriented activities should be supported by boating and ferry activity.

Foreshore Recreation Areas

The foreshore will be improved over time to provide a park environment and to re-establish links between the central city and the waterfront. Development will provide a better physical and visual integration between the central city and the river, while at the same time retaining the good features of the present foreshore. The reopening and protection of ground level views, principally along north-south streets to the foreshore, and the extension of pedestrian pathways from these streets across the foreshore to the river-edge, will be pursued. On parks and recreation reserves new buildings are to generally be minimal in scale and number and serve the recreation functions of the area. Development of the foreshore area is to maintain views of the city from the river and Riverside Drive.

Built development may be acceptable, as long as it is generally of limited height and scale and is effectively designed, located and landscaped. A limited number of larger scale public purpose buildings, which complement the environment and contribute to the enhancement of the foreshore, may also be appropriate. Future changes could include new buildings on the river-edge, and within the parklands, to accommodate appropriate activities that would reinforce a connection between the central city and the river-edge. The introduction of more water elements into the foreshore and improvements to the design of the open spaces would also make the area more attractive and provide a greater variety of activities for the public.

Perth Water

The Swan River, particularly Perth Water, is intimately linked to the city's image. The view of the city and river is the principal image of the city that most people have. While the city's high-rise buildings take advantage of this setting, there is a need to re-establish, where possible, visual links with the river from vantage points in the city centre.

The function of Perth Water, the waterfront and the foreshore as one of the city's major venues for public events is to be promoted. The use of the water for intensive motor powered leisure craft will be discouraged in favour of manual and wind propelled craft. Recreational boat facilities for short stay use may be provided where they do not conflict with other river transport.

Freeway Interchange Gardens

The Freeway Interchange gardens provide an important link for pedestrians and cyclists, between the city centre, Kings Park and paths around the Swan and Canning rivers, enabling safe travel across the Mitchell Freeway interchange and opportunities for recreation, relaxation and views of the city skyline. The expanse of gardens and water features contributes to the landscaped belt encircling the city centre, an integral part of which is the continuation of parkland along the Perth foreshore from Kings Park to the Causeway. The gardens should be maintained and enhanced, to improve their landscape function, and to provide recreation and relaxation opportunities for the work force of the city centre, local people and visitors to the city.



Riverside Drive

Riverside Drive is currently an important road for city centre access and is also a scenic road offering both city and river views.

A section of Riverside Drive from Barrack Street to William Street is to be diverted as part of the Elizabeth Quay Project. The reduction of traffic on Riverside Drive and use of the road primarily as a scenic route to the city centre will help create links between the central city and the river foreshore. This will result in a more friendly environment for pedestrians and cyclists and an improvement in public access to the river.

Future Redevelopment of the Foreshore and Civic Precincts

The *Perth Central Area Policies Review 1993* outlined a number of concepts which could be examined in an extended study of this area and ultimately included in a 'Master Plan'. Ideas such as the development of an inlet and major festival centre in the vicinity of the Concert Hall and the enhancement of heritage buildings and gardens will be considered.



Elizabeth Quay Project Redevelopment Area

Elizabeth Quay comprises nearly 10 hectares of land south of The Esplanade, between Barrack Street and William Street, Perth including Barrack Square.

The Elizabeth Quay Project will connect the Swan River with the city. The project is intended to incorporate commercial, residential, retail, dining and entertainment, and cultural attractions around an inlet connected by landscaped terraces, boardwalks and promenades.

Land within the Elizabeth Quay Project Redevelopment Area is under the planning control of DevelopmentWA except for the Barrack Square precinct which is under the local government's planning control. The local government has an opportunity to comment on the other redevelopment precincts within this area and in doing so, will take into account the matters referred to in this Precinct Plan.