

Extract from Mayor's Message 15th April 2008

Australand/Breen Proposal

Consideration of the proposal to re-zone the Australand and Breen industrial land adjacent to Wanda Beach and the transfer of 91 hectares of open space to the community is progressing.

Council is currently negotiating a Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) which will see Australand and Breen providing the community with ten quality playing fields, walkways and cycleways, 460 hard stand car spaces, all internal roads and three separate amenities blocks all at no cost to ratepayers.

The area of public open space which will come to the council is approximately two thirds the size of Centennial Park. And like Centennial Park, there will be many wetlands and associated environmental benefits as a result.

It is proposed that future residential developments will be supplied with an ancillary supply of recycled water from the Cronulla treatment plant. The water from the treatment plant will also be used to irrigate the playing fields, which will mean a long term reduction in the volume of water we use and therefore deliver savings for residents.

As the area where the playing fields will be constructed is being filled, council will be seeking assurances that engineering solutions are available to ensure the surfaces of the fields will remain stable and level in future.

The VPA is being negotiated to ensure that any additional costs required to ensure the stability of the fields will be borne by Australand and Breen.

Any change to the zoning of the area will require the consent of the Minister for Planning. The community will also be given the opportunity to review the plans and provide feedback to council around the middle of the year.

For more information on the Wanda Sports Fields Project, visit council's website.

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