



Sutherland Shire Council

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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# **Community input sought on Kurnell Peninsula**

In a move that will see the community play a major role in deciding the future of part of the Kurnell peninsula, Sutherland Shire Council is seeking input on a proposal for residential development adjacent to Wanda Beach. The residential zoning would replace the existing zoning which currently permits a range of industrial, commercial and tourism uses.

Major land owners, Australand and Breen Holdings, have sought the rezonings and council has been negotiating with the companies to secure a number of benefits for the community should they go ahead. These include an additional 47 hectares of space being handed back to the community as well as 10 fully developed playing fields, parking and amenities.

Australand has completed the bulk earthworks phase of the approved industrial subdivision and is nearing completion of the reconstruction of its frontage to Captain Cook Drive, Kurnell.

As part of this industrial subdivision the community is set to receive 42 hectares of open space. The additional 47 hectares that has been proposed in the rezoning would take the total to 89 hectares of land being given back to the community.

Mayor of Sutherland Shire, Cllr David Redmond said that while there have been many proponents for the rezoning, the proposal now before the council is the first time a package has been put together where the community will receive such significant benefit in addition to the land.

"There is a steady demand for playing fields in Sutherland Shire. For example, soccer has increased from 11,600 players in 1998 to 17,400 this year, so this proposal will obviously assist in meeting the increasing demand for playing fields," Cllr Redmond said.

"The proposal also replicates the existing 10 playing fields that council has been able to create at The Ridge Sports Complex in Barden Ridge," he said.

"If the rezoning goes ahead there will also be a continuous green link between Botany Bay and Bate Bay, which also promises to deliver a number of environmental benefits," Cllr Redmond said. "We will also require irrigation of the playing fields and future residential developments to be supplied with recycled water from the Cronulla Treatments works."

Council staff are now undertaking due diligence studies to identify any potential environmental, technical or practical constraints associated with the playing fields proposals. The Mayor said he will be guided by the opinion of the community.

It is not expected that the Minister will put the proposal on exhibition until 2008.

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