



New South Wales

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NEW LANDS OFFICE FOR BATEMANS BAY - PREFERRED PROPONENT FOR MARINA REDEVELOPMENT

State Plan Goal: Stronger Rural and Regional Economies

Minister for Lands, Tony Kelly today announced Ariadne Australia Ltd as the successful proponent for the redevelopment of Bateman's Bay Marina, and that the lemma Government would be establishing a new Lands office in Bateman's Bay.

"I'm pleased to announce that the Department of Lands has signed a Heads of Agreement with Ariadne, which will provide a framework to move forward on this important project for the region," Mr Kelly said

"The proposal envisages a new 240 wet berth marina, a 250 vessel drystack facility, a commercial precinct providing services such as a chandlery, cafes, restaurants and tourism related business, as well as a tourist accommodation precinct.

"The completion of the Heads of Agreement will now allow Ariadne to access the boat harbour to undertake geotechnical investigations to finalise plans for the site.

"The community can also be assured there will be further opportunity to comment on the proposal through the development application process."

"Subject to the plans being approved by the Minister for Planning, Ariadne expects to be in a position to commence construction in 2008.

Ariadne CEO, Mr Murray Boyte confirmed the commitment of Ariadne to the Batemans Bay Marina redevelopment project.

"This project is consistent with Ariadne's strategy to identify and develop high quality marina and tourism related facilities on the east coast of Australia.

Ariadne's selection as the preferred proponent by the NSW Government demonstrates Ariadne's capability within this specialised area of sensitive coastal development".

In more good news, Mr Kelly said the establishment of a Lands office in Batemans Bay meant a full-time Lands presence in the district, offering a range of services to locals as well as overseeing the work on the Batemans Bay Marina redevelopment, and similar projects at Ulladulla and Bermagui harbours.

"This is another example of the lemma Government getting on with the job of strengthening regional communities with investment and jobs," Mr Kelly said.

“It reflects the State Plan’s focus on delivering jobs and growth in country and coastal NSW, providing better facilities and more recreational opportunities to enjoy what we’ve all worked hard for.

Country Labor candidate for Bega Wilma Chinnock welcomed the announcement saying it was an important investment in the future of the ‘Nature Coast’.

“Batemans Bay continues to grow as a major regional centre on the South Coast, with fishing and tourism the key drivers of a strong local economy,” Ms Chinnock said.

“A strong Government presence will ensure we get the balance right in terms of economic growth and environmental protection.

“While Country Labor brings jobs and investment to regional NSW – all the Opposition can muster up is a plan to slash 20,000 public service jobs.

“Make no mistake – the Batemans Bay Lands office would never see the light of day under a Coalition Government,” Ms Chinnock said.

If the Lemna Government is elected, the new Batemans Bay Lands office will open by mid-2007, initially with two commercial program staff, with staffing levels to increase as both Ulladulla and Bermagui Harbour redevelopments commence.

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