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Port Maryborough Marine Industry Park development application lodged

Maryborough Investments Pty Ltd has lodged a development application with Maryborough City Council bringing the establishment of the Port Maryborough Marine Industry Park a significant step closer.

The proposed 60ha ecologically sustainable marine industry park on the southern bank of the Mary River is only 7km from central Maryborough.

Maryborough Investments Director Wayne Fussell said the company was excited that the project was at the stage of lodging the development application.

“We are now keen to progress the project to the next stage. We believe Port Maryborough Marine Industry Park has enormous potential and will offer extensive growth and employment opportunities for Maryborough and the region,” he said.

“The marine industry park is already attracting considerable interest from marine-related companies within the region, state-wide and throughout Australia so we are confident the project will now proceed at a steady pace.”

Mr Fussell said the project would invest an estimated \$20million into the Fraser Coast Region. It is intended to provide world-class facilities for the manufacture of boats and light ships, marine components, the repair of vessels and the provision of a broad range of marine services. The proposal will provide designated marine-based industries with a secure location to undertake industrial activities under conditions conducive to sustainable business growth.

The lodgement of the development application comes after five years of detailed preparatory work.

In 2002 Maryborough City Council and the Department of State Development identified the need to establish a marine industry precinct to service the Fraser Coast. Development and conservation pressures had constrained existing industrial land and while several attempts had been made to establish marinas or similar facilities in the region, a new precinct was needed to enable the region to actively compete in the Queensland and Australian markets.

Maryborough Mayor Barbra Hovard said the project was all about bringing new business and employment to Maryborough and offering opportunities to existing marine businesses in the region.

“This gives us the chance to reclaim our place as a major player in marine engineering and boat building,” she said.

“Coming hot on the heels of the announcement of a professional flight training school, Maryborough’s future job prospects are exciting and should stimulate and strengthen our already sound local economy,” she said.

Maryborough State Development Centre Manager Bob Hockey said the Department of State Development was pleased the project had proceeded to the development application stage.

“The marine industry is a priority sector for the Queensland Government and this project is very important for developing the marine industry capability,” he said.

If you require further information please contact Maryborough City Council’s Economic Development Manager Andrew Jackson on (07) 4190 5792.

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