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### **Plan to breathe new life into Peat Island and Mooney Mooney**

Peat Island will become a tourism precinct and neighbouring Mooney Mooney revitalised with new housing and community facilities under a revised planning proposal to be considered by the NSW Department of Planning and Environment.

CEO of Property NSW, Brett Newman, said the Government had lodged a revised proposal with the Central Coast Council following extensive feedback from the community, Council, Department of Planning and Environment and other stakeholders over the past 12 months.

“This is a prime waterfront location on the edge of the Hawkesbury and is the gateway to the Central Coast, yet much of the land remains dormant, underutilised or inaccessible to the public,” Mr Newman said.

“By rezoning this land we can ensure a viable and sustainable mix of residential, commercial and tourism developments, delivering 150 ongoing jobs and sustained economic growth for this region of the Central Coast.”

A key component to the proposal is opening up Peat Island to the community through increased public access. The current zoning reflects the former institutional land use, limiting permissible uses on site.

The revised proposal also includes more than 21 hectares of open space for the community, including an 11.3 hectare expansion of the adjacent National Park.

“We have been working with the local community, including the Darkinjung Local Aboriginal Land Council, to ensure our plan aligns with broader local and regional priorities, and we will continue to engage with the community moving forward,” Mr Newman said.

The proposal will deliver a range of benefits to the community, including:

- approx 268 new dwellings to help meet regional housing needs
- approx 130 new marina berths
- the creation of more than 2.4 kilometres of public access around Peat Island and along the river foreshore
- the creation of a new neighbourhood centre with retail and local service offerings.

The revised proposal will proceed to the NSW Department of Planning and Environment for a Gateway Determination.

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