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Port Rockingham follows award-winning design

THE director of the project management company working on the Port Rockingham proposal, Chris Carman, also heads Benchmark Projects, the company responsible for the multiple award-winning Mandurah Ocean Marina.

The proponent of the Port Rockingham development is Rockingham businessman Paul Ogilvie.

The proposal would include a jetty and breakwater-type marina on the foreshore adjacent to Wanliss Street, Rockingham.

Mr Carman said the proposed offshore breakwater did not connect with the shore, so there would not be any problems with water quality, flushing and sand erosion.

The breakwater would join the jetty, which would be a concrete and timber deck pier con-

struction, similar to the Sorrento Quay Marina, that would allow water to flow under it.

The breakwater would eventually protect 500 moorings; 250 in the first stage and 250 in the second.

The jetty would have restaurants and cafes along with boat fuelling facilities — “rather like a mini-Hillarys” — Mr Carman said.

“We have taken care not to cause a problem with the environment and have committed to monitoring through our environmental consultants.

“We have gone to great pains not to interfere with the natural processes and the site where the development would end is on the edge of a shelf, which is an optimum spot for such a development.”

Mr Carman expects the

Public Environmental Review process to take at least a year.

He said there would be no high-rise development, and traffic management and car parking plans were in place.

Further details can be obtained at two public meetings scheduled for February 17 and 20 at the Cruising Yacht Club in Rockingham.

The proposal is up for public comment for the next six weeks. Visit www.portrockingham.com.au or call 1800 467 733 for more information.

Benchmark Projects is currently co-ordinating the Albany waterfront redevelopment and other major projects, including Champion Lakes at Armadale and the Joondalup city centre and Joondalup Arena.

It is a multiple award winner for many of its projects.



Award-winning Mandurah Ocean Marina designer Chris Carman wants to make Port Rockingham a similar success.