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# LandCorp seeks Peron partner

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Rockingham is moving to cement its reputation as an aquatic playground with LandCorp advertising for a private partner to help it build the Cape Peron marina.

“The private partner will be committed to providing a marina precinct, including boating pens and services featuring a range of recreational, tourism and business opportunities for both visitors and locals,” LandCorp’s manager for project partnering, Ian Ardron, said.

“What will ultimately be built is dependent upon the outcome of the environmental investigations and the formal public approvals phase.”

The successful applicant is expected to manage the community consultation, all investigations including environmental approvals and the development of a plan to get the marina up and running.

“As such, we will be seeking a partner with relevant experience and appropriate financial capacity,” Mr Ardron said.

The marina would house 500 boat pens, accommodation, an education centre, walk trails, boat stackers and fuelling facilities.

The Cape Peron project, which has been on the drawing board for nearly 40 years, is being pushed by the City of Rockingham and the Rockingham Kwinana Development Office (RWDO), which say the region needs improved boating facilities and a secure marina.

Late last month, the Barnett Government got behind

the project, allowing it to proceed to its next stage of development, an environmental assessment by the Environmental Protection Authority.

“One of the things this is going to bring to the area is the number of jobs it will create,” RWDO chairman Phil Edman said. “This will probably bring in around 500 jobs.”

Mr Edman, who is also the Member for the South Metropolitan Region, said Rockingham had suffered from a shortage of short-stay accommodation and the new marina would bring improved tourist facilities.

Along with the recent EPA approval for another 500-boat pen development at Port Rockingham, Mr Edman said the new projects would open up Rockingham’s coastline for marina activities.

The developments are expected to fuel more investment in the area and increase land prices, he said.

Rockingham mayor Barry Sammels said the proposed marina meant “a lot for Rockingham”.

“We have that theme as an aquatic playground and this will add to the aquatic features that we are lacking down here ... including a safe haven for boats and all the infrastructure that will be developed around it as well.”

The project’s designs have yet to be finalised. Final costs will depend on the outcome of the environmental assessment.



Playground: Cape Peron is undergoing environmental assessment for a marina which will include boat pens, restaurants and a site for a marine science centre