

Commissioner for Kangaroo Island

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## **PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT TO DELIVER 100 NEW JOBS FOR KANGAROO ISLAND**

Commissioner Wendy Campana said it is an exciting time for development on the Island. "Tourism is a key driver of the Kangaroo Island economy and this proposal comes at a time when the Federal Government is considering an airport upgrade proposal from Council, and consideration is being given by the State Government to submissions resulting from consultations on a new golf course.

The project is being delivered by City & Central Consulting Pty Ltd, an Adelaide based firm, and the Australian Affiliate of CCH Hotels & Resorts. The firm has international experience in hotel developments and management.

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"The major development path is the most rigorous planning assessment process available under the Development Act and involves a whole of Government approach to the assessment as well as extensive community consultation beyond the limitation of a normal planning assessment. This will be especially important given the proximity of the proposal to the American River Aquatic Reserve and Pelican Lagoon Sanctuary Zone" said Commissioner Wendy Campana.

The proposal is expected to employ up to 100 staff throughout the resort. The Tourism sector accounts for 25% of Kangaroo Island's Gross Regional Product (GRP) and 20% of the employment market (466 FTE jobs).

The anticipated 100 new jobs generated by the proposal would account for nearly 20% of the overall tourism employment market, and could see the development become the largest tourism employer on Kangaroo Island.

The proponent also intends to offer a range of new services to the local American River and Kangaroo Island community, through providing publicly accessible facilities at the commercial marina, including retail, shops and restaurants.

Commissioner Campana described the proposal as another example of the investment attracted to Kangaroo Island over the past two years as a result of the Kangaroo Island Structure Plan and Sustainable Futures Development Plan Amendment, which unlocked a range of investment opportunities, particularly in tourism. "These plans demonstrate how the State Government can work with Council and the community and use structures such as the previous Kangaroo Island Futures Authority to ensure good planning and economic development outcomes," she said.