

## **Watpac and Seymour Group win \$800m Hervey Bay redevelopment**

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Queensland heavyweights Watpac and Seymour Group have been appointed as preferred developer for the redevelopment of Hervey Bay's Urangan Boat Harbour.

Deputy Premier and Minister for Infrastructure and Planning Paul Lucas today announced the \$800 million project flanked by Member for Hervey Bay, Andrew McNamara, who says the redevelopment will transform Hervey Bay's leisure and tourism facilities to rank among the best in the state.

Subject to final development agreement negotiations, construction is expected to commence next year following community and stakeholder consultation.

"The redevelopment of Urangan Boat Harbour will result in a more functional harbour that meets the needs of tourism, industry, commercial operators and the community," says Lucas.

"Watpac/Seymour was selected because its bid addressed the State's requirements for what will be one of the most significant tourism and marine infrastructure developments on the Queensland coastline."

The selected bid provides for more than 230 new marina berths, 100 new boat trailer parks and 4 new boat ramp lanes in a redeveloped public facility.

A new ferry terminal, tavern, upgraded boat maintenance facilities and more tourist accommodation including budget and resort accommodation will be provided.

"Importantly for the tourism industry, the redevelopment will provide a new gateway to Hervey Bay's world-famous whale watching industry, the Great Sandy Straits and Fraser Island," says McNamara.

Watpac/Seymour estimates that the redevelopment will generate in excess of 600 jobs during the four-year construction phase and approximately 200 jobs once completed.