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OPEN STATEMENT TO LOCAL RESIDENTS: BAILEY'S MARINE FUEL DEPOT, WHITE BAY

I believe that any development application for our harbour must face community consultation and that we need an overarching Master Plan for the area.

Thanks to recent campaigning by the community and the White Bay Joint Steering Committee, the Premier Morris lemma confirmed publicly that he would like to see a Master Plan for the entire White Bay site.

The Premier specifically referred to the need to avoid piece-meal or ad-hoc planning decisions in relation to such a strategic site.

Along with White Bay Joint Steering Committee I recently met with the Premier's office and the Director General of the Premier's Department, Col Gellatly. They have indicated that a master plan will proceed.

This presents a perfect opportunity for us as a community to decide what we want for the site and to get the balance right. Any masterplan of course must be developed in consultation with the community and Leichhardt Council.

I support a working harbour, but I am concerned about 24 hour / 7 day a week operations. I also believe that any development must take into account the impact on local residents and harbour users. I am committed to working with the community to achieve the right outcomes for our area.

For information or feedback please call my campaign office on 9881 5959.