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The new Sustainable Planning Act 2009 (SPA) will help deliver a smarter, simpler and better planning, development and building system focused on sustainable outcomes for all Queenslanders.

SPA introduces important changes to the process for making development applications.

If you lodge a development application after 17 December 2009, the new legislation will apply to your application and you will need to complete the new application forms.

Development applications made on or before 17 December 2009 will continue to be assessed under the Integrated Planning Act 1997.

To find out more contact your local council or visit [www.dip.qld.gov.au/spa](http://www.dip.qld.gov.au/spa).

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**Government gives green light to Auckland \$35m outdoor fun**



**PROUD LOCALS:** Gladstone residents Wili, Ema and Dorothy Suluma are looking forward to the proposed Auckland Shore development. Picture: NATHAN PAULL loc11f1209-1

**New residents excited over plan to build water park, playground area**

By **NATHAN PAULL**  
WILI and Dorothy Suluma already think Gladstone is a great place to live, but they are still excited to see a proposed development that could mean a water park and playground area set up at Auckland Point.

The pair, along with daughter Ema, moved from Fiji in January to Gladstone to be with family that had moved here previously.

"Gladstone is a great place to raise kids," Wili told The Observer.

"There are plenty of parks

Gladstone is a great place to raise kids.

**WILI SULUMA**

and play areas for the children."

Relaxing at Spinnaker Park yesterday, Dorothy said the family often took advantage of family-friendly spots in the region.

But Wili said the idea of a water park to be built in the

area would make the harbour city an even better town in which to live.

"Ema would like the water park. She loves water," Wili said.

The \$35 million Auckland foreshores precinct is to be funded by Gladstone Ports Corporation and coal companies that will use Wiggins Island Coal Terminal.

Both Wili and Dorothy agreed that it was important for industry to provide for the community.

"They build here to make money, so they should give

something back to the community," Wili said.

GAPDL chairman and former mayor Peter Corones said it was imperative industry developed social infrastructure.

"I always sing the praises of major corporations that give back to people who live in the town," Mr Corones said.

"The have a vested interest in the community... (so) they have to look after those who live in it."

Construction is expected to start mid next year.

**Crossword Number 4346**

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- 10. Camera prop
- 11. Try to locate
- 13. Likely
- 15. Directed
- 18. Disparages
- 21. Actress... Ryan
- 22. Carnival
- 23. Electricity unit
- 24. Wakes up
- 26. Type of primula
- 27. Boy's name
- 28. Sales reps

**DOWN**

- 1. Authorisation (3-2)
- 2. Quoted
- 3. Frolicked
- 4. Military engineer
- 5. Paid athlete

- 6. Bubbly drink
- 7. Stretched tight
- 12. Sea eagle
- 14. Orange rind
- 16. Culinary formula
- 17. Disrobe
- 19. Medicinal amounts
- 20. Amazes
- 21. Natural satellite
- 22. Carnival
- 25. Kit out

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**INSIDE MONDAY**

CHECK out Monday's edition of *The Observer* for all the latest news, views and sport from around the region. It will be sport central this Monday with our wrap-up of all the weekend's sporting events. And don't miss our social photos from over the weekend - you might even find your picture in there.

# Point foreshores precinct, assured to change the face of Gladstone hub planned for next year



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A \$35 million recreation area has been proposed for the Auckland Point foreshores precinct.

The current proposal includes a water park, boardwalk, playgrounds and treetop lookouts.

The proposal comes after the State Government yesterday signed the mandate that gave the green light to the new Wiggins Island Coal terminal, expected to be built from July next year.

Premier Anna Bligh said the mandate meant the Wiggins Island Coal Export Terminal (WICET) group of 18 coal companies would develop and own

What has been a somewhat neglected area will now become the primary playground for the residents of Gladstone.

PREMIER ANNA BLIGH

the new coal terminal.

"Wiggins Island Coal Terminal is a four billion dollar project that will create up to 800 jobs in construction and 300 ongoing jobs in Gladstone and help power the Queensland economy for years to come," she said.

Part of the ownership of the terminal, which will cost \$2 billion during Stage One, would mean providing social infrastructure for the community, namely the Auckland East Shores Precinct development. Gladstone Ports Corporation



**FUN IN THE SUN:** Gladstone Port's Corporation chief executive officer Leo Zussino stands on Auckland Hill lookout over the proposed development site for the Auckland East Shores Precinct development. Picture: CHRIS HARRIS site101209-1

(GPC) CEO Leo Zussino said the plan was to return to the area's historical uses.

"People used to swim and fish in the area," Mr Zussino said.

"It used to be a place where families could come and enjoy the harbour.

"We want to recreate that."

Mr Zussino said the decision to develop the area was a response to public outcry that something needed to be done.

"What the Gladstone community are looking for are tangible community benefits (from

industry) and this is what that will provide.

Ms Bligh said the Auckland East Shores Precinct would change the face of Gladstone.

"Stage One will set the tone for the commercial redevelopment which will occur between O'Connell Wharf and Wilby Creek.

"What has been a somewhat neglected area will now become the primary playground for the residents of Gladstone.

"The development of this precinct will ensure Gladstone

can hold its own as a destination of choice."

Former mayor Peter Corones said the development would be the beginning of a CBD reinvigoration in Gladstone.

Currently GAPDL chairman, Mr Corones said he was excited to be on the brink of big changes for Gladstone.

"It will bring a big injection of life into Gladstone," he said.

"(The precinct) will be a real people place... and the start of the rejuvenation of Gladstone city."

GPC is currently calling for tenders to develop the precinct and construction is expected to start when the coal terminal starts to be built in July next year.



Peter Corones.

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