

South Fremantle Power Station



FAQ's

What is planned for the Power Station precinct?

The area will be transformed into a tourist, community, commercial, retail and entertainment centre. The community has waited a long time for this prime coastal site to be redeveloped and with restaurants, cafes, bars and retail outlets planned for the site it will become a jewel in the crown of the Cockburn Coast project. It is expected areas of the building will be set aside for public purposes to enable community events and exhibitions to take place. Apartments will provide views across the Indian Ocean to Rottnest and Garden Islands. LandCorp in consultation with key stakeholders has prepared a master plan to guide The Power Station's (precinct) rejuvenation. It is currently being considered by the City of Cockburn and will be released for public comment in late 2014.

What is planned for Power Station building?

The Power Station Master Plan supports a vision for the future adaption of the Power Station building, which may include:

- Approximately 5,500m² of retail and commercial floor space within the Power Station, distributed across the ground, first and second floors
- Approximately 2,000m² of retail and commercial floor space within the Power Station Main Street, providing retail at the ground floor and commercial on the first floor
- There will be restaurant / kiosk uses within the foreshore area and to the north of the Precinct
- Up to 150 apartments are proposed above the Power Station building providing high quality views across the Indian Ocean to Rottnest and Garden Island.



What other improvements are proposed for the wider area of the Power Station precinct?

Extensive areas of local public open space will be distributed across the precinct, providing green spaces in close proximity to residential development.

Approximately 54,000m² of existing foreshore reserve will be guided by a foreshore management plan that will balance the need to preserve the natural habitat while accommodating a promenade and improvements to the existing cooling pond area.

Improved access to public transport, via two proposed rapid bus transit stations within easy walking distance.



Figure 11: Study Area



Will there be parks and public recreational spaces within the Power Station precinct?

The proposed Power Station Master Plan provides for extensive areas of local and regional open space, approximately 31,000m² of local public open space and approximately 54,000m² of foreshore reserve, distributed throughout the Precinct.

The large internal space of the Power Station building provides an opportunity for further public areas on the ground and first floor, enabling community based events and exhibition areas.



Figure 1.2: South Fremantle Power Station Master Plan. Imagery by HASSELL.



What is being done to preserve the heritage value of the former Power Station?

Heritage factors will be a key consideration throughout the project and has involved direct consultation with the Heritage Council WA. The former Power Station is on the interim heritage register and is an excellent example of 1930s-1950s cathedral-style power stations built in Australia and the United Kingdom. The Cockburn Coast development is an opportunity to revitalise the iconic building. Any redevelopment of the power station will be subject to Heritage Council of WA approval and will be sympathetic to its architectural design.

When will development start and how long will it take to fully develop?

Forward Works at Robb Jetty will start in mid-2014 and stage 1 site works are expected to commence in early 2015. Cockburn Coast is a long-term project and will be developed over a 15 to 20 year period.