



## Waterfront rejuvenation begins

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Auckland Regional Council Chairman Michael Lee warmly welcomed the waterfront agreement reached today between the ARC, Auckland Regional Holdings, Ports of Auckland and Auckland City Council.

“This agreement heralds a brand new start for the Auckland waterfront. It’s a wonderful day for all Aucklanders.

“Auckland will finally get the waterfront it truly deserves – one that includes much greater public access, a guaranteed future headland park, and a future iconic public building.

“By the 2011 Rugby World Cup, there will be a new east-west axis along the waterfront, connecting the Viaduct Harbour to Wynyard Point via a grand boulevard and bridge, bringing new vitality to the area.

“Our plans will include facilities for the fishing and marine industries - the historic inhabitants of the area – that will continue that tradition and contribute to a lively, mixed-use area.

“The ARC has been at pains to ensure that the marine industries are protected and can flourish into the future.

“This is more vital than ever given the America’s Cup challenge currently underway in Valencia. This will also be a working waterfront.”

The transformation of the Tank Farm into an urban village with green parks, plazas, boulevards, shops, apartments and restaurants will be a major asset for the Auckland region.

At centre stage of the redevelopment will be a future 4.25 hectare headland park which the ARC will jointly own and manage with Auckland City Council.

There will also be 2.4 km of publicly accessible waterfront, a working fishing wharf and a marine events precinct as well as a waterfront promenade along Jellicoe St, with new shops, restaurants and bars.

The new public area is in response to the public’s wish for more access to the water, open space and a greater mix of land uses.

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Environmental initiatives and a focus on public transport are key elements of the redevelopment.

“The ARC has a well-earned reputation as an excellent manager of regional parks and we look forward to applying this expertise to the management of the Wynyard Point headland park,” Michael Lee says.

He says public open spaces – and particularly regional parks – are an important social amenity for all communities and this is particularly so for the Auckland region with its rapid growth. “This project will provide an urban oasis for generations to come,” says Mr Lee.

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