## Media Release



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## Final master plans released for Cape Jervis and Penneshaw harbours

Final master plans for the Cape Jervis and Penneshaw harbour precincts have been released, with a vision to deliver local benefits while meeting region-wide needs.

The master plans have been informed by extensive engagement with the community and key stakeholders, along with technical analysis, to help guide decisions and ensure both harbour precincts are well prepared for the future.

Port upgrades for Cape Jervis and Penneshaw are currently underway to increase the facilities' lifespan, support continued ferry services between Kangaroo Island and the mainland, and to accommodate Sealink's new ferries. The port upgrades will also allow for future freight growth.

The master plans for these harbour precincts will build on these works by guiding future investment and development to enhance the areas for visitors and locals alike, while creating high-quality gateways between Cape Jervis and Kangaroo Island.

Two options have been developed for the Cape Jervis master plan, capable of being delivered over multiple stages. The Cape Jervis master plan also incorporates key recommendations from a more detailed Cape Jervis parking and traffic study.

Elements of the Cape Jervis master plan include a new link road with Main South Road, improved long-term car and truck parking, and a larger boat ramp with multiple launch lanes and pontoons to accommodate recreational and commercial boaters.

Following feedback, funding options will be explored to build a new jetty in the Cape Jervis Harbour Precinct to create a new recreational fishing facility.

Proposed public realm improvements will entice visitors beyond the ferry terminal to lookouts, new cultural spaces, the Heysen Trail and harbour attractions, with new and upgraded paths and loop trails, and a comfortable pedestrian arrival plaza near the ferry terminal.

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Cultural reflection and sharing spaces will reflect the important and active Ngarrindjeri culture and values of the Cape Jervis area.

Penneshaw serves a pivotal role for Kangaroo Island, providing the primary access to the rest of South Australia for people, vehicles and freight.

The Penneshaw master plan includes improvements such as an upgraded heavy vehicle marshalling area, intersection safety and car park upgrades, and a redesign of the coach parking area.

It also includes improved pedestrian access and a new footpath to the jetty, safety improvements to reduce potential conflicts between vehicles and pedestrians, and enhancements to public spaces.

Also included is a Penneshaw 'infinity walking loop', providing a walking route around Penneshaw town centre, connecting to local points of interest and minimising interaction with ferry traffic.

The master plans will be used to inform future funding considerations and opportunities for these projects to be delivered.

To view the master plans, please visit <u>Master Planning for Harbour Precincts</u> - Department for Infrastructure and Transport - South Australia

## Quotes attributable to Tom Koutsantonis

Cape Jervis and Penneshaw harbours are important places for locals and visitors and play significant roles in South Australia's tourism and agriculture industries. They play key roles in moving goods and people on and off Kangaroo Island.

We recognise the importance of ensuring the actions in the Cape Jervis and Penneshaw master plans are well-suited to each harbour precinct and reflect the community and the region's priorities, while meeting the needs of the diverse range of people who use these areas.

Engagement with stakeholders and the community was a key aspect of the planning process to inform the master plans. It allowed us to gather valuable local insights that helped refine and improve various elements of the draft plans.

Through the master planning process, we committed to finding a viable replacement for the Cape Jervis jetty that was removed as part of the port upgrade.

We're now exploring options to deliver a new fishing platform that will provide anglers with a similar fishing experience to the previous jetty.

The actions in these master plans will ensure both precincts best serve locals and visitors well into the future.