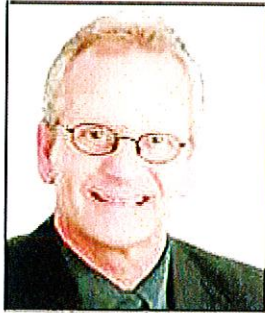




Councillors speak on North Harbour project



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Brian Battersby



Bob Millar



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Jobs/environment

CABOOLTURE News spoke to councillors to find out how they felt about North Harbour (Northeast Business Park) proposal and whether they supported the venture going ahead.

In response several of the councillors referred to their concerns over the environmental impact of the project while others were happy about the industrial components and the possibility of more jobs for the area.

**Division 1,
Gary Parsons**

THERE'S been a lot of discussion on this project now for years.

It is a great project and I support most of the concepts however I have major concerns about the dredging of 8 kilometres of river and the ongoing effects on the environment.

On the other side the industrial components will be great for jobs but I do have concerns about the environmental impacts.

Division 2,

Chris Whiting

I HAVE not yet seen the report and I won't make a decision until I've seen it. Having said that I have always said there has to be a net environmental benefit from the project.

The proposal contains very strong environmental initiatives that will need to be balanced against the extent of the earthworks and dredging they are doing.

In terms of employment, I represent an area that has more than 8% unemployment in some areas and the capacity to generate local employment is an important part of any of these proposals.

Deputy mayor,

Division 3,

Greg Chippendale

THIS is a topic which has had a number of briefings before council. Some aspects worry me and the dredging of the river is a major concern. The height of the development around the marina component is also another concern.

But there are quite a lot of environmental concerns. There is a large job component which is worth pursuing and I'm more or less supportive of the industrial component but I have severe concerns about the marina, the river and the height of the development.

Division 4,

Julie Greer

NO comment until it goes before council.

Division 6,

Rae Frawley

FROM a council point of view and with my role as spokesman for sustainability my major concerns are environmental issues about the river and how it would be affected.

Dredging has a lot of issues, it's ongoing and doesn't stop. This is a significant development and will require a great deal of discussion.

Division 8,

Mick Gillam

There are areas I do not have a problem with such as the industrial and residential compo-

nents but you have to wonder about putting in a marina. But I haven't read the reports yet.

Division 9,

Mike Charlton

IT'S a very complex proposal and I haven't read the reports yet so I am in no position to comment.

Division 12,

Adrian Raedel

I THINK it's very interesting for the area, it'll boost economical development and it'll be good for Caboolture.

Like the other councillors I've lived and breathed this for the past 12-18 months and I'd be quite happy to support a full approval.

■ Division 5 councillor James Houghton, Division 7 councillor David Dwyer, Division 10 councillor Brian Battersby and Division 11 councillor Bob Millar were also contacted for comment but were unable to be reached before Caboolture News went to print.