



North Harbour awaits verdict on approval

Developer upset by revelations

REVELATIONS that the Moreton Bay Regional Council is considering a part refusal of the long-awaited North Harbour project at Caboolture have been met with incredulity by the proponent.

An agenda item for yesterday's council meeting was posted on council's website last week and listed the project for "recommendation for part approval and part refusal".

North East Business Park director Neil Morris said the \$628 million residential development and business park had spent the past five years consulting with the community and seeking approvals from all levels of government.

"The Queensland Government nominated this as a significant project, and in November this year the coordinator-general recommended the project be approved," Mr Morris said.

"This an integrated project that will transform degraded former pine plantation and cane land into a precinct that is home to 5500 residents and includes a business park, marina, golf course and conservation areas.

"For the council to consider carving off and rejecting bits and pieces of this project beggars belief.

"They are threatening a substantial shot in the arm for the local economy and up to 1500

jobs during construction and 13,600 fulltime positions within the completed development."

Mr Morris said North Harbour had been one of the most scrutinised developments in recent Queensland history and had met its environmental, economic and social requirements.

"North Harbour is not a mix-and-match puzzle where you can pick some bits and not others," he said.

"The project works as a whole and the council should be approving the project as submitted.

"Any decision to reject one or more elements of the application will be nothing short of disaster."