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MINDA ASSOCIATION ENDORSES

MASTER PLAN FOR BRIGHTON CAMPUS

A plan to redevelop the 28-hectare Brighton campus of South Australia's oldest disability service provider, Minda Incorporated, was approved by the Minda Association last night (Tuesday 22 June).

Minda's Master Plan is aimed at meeting the future needs of South Australians with intellectual disabilities through the provision of purpose-built accommodation at King George Avenue, Brighton.

It provides a high level vision of what the Brighton campus will look like in the future and has been under development for the past two years.

The Master Plan was approved at a Minda Association meeting last night. The Association consists of mainly family members of people supported by Minda.

Minda will now progress to the next stage of the redevelopment and prepare a more detailed plan for the site. Feedback received through the consultation process will be considered in these plans.

Chief Executive Officer of Minda, Ms Cathy Miller, said the redevelopment would provide the best possible accommodation, care and support to the 1500 individuals with an intellectual disability who rely on Minda for their ongoing quality of life.

"Minda's Master Plan aims to enhance the lives of people with intellectual disabilities," she said.

"Many of our existing facilities were built more than 50 years ago and are outdated for the provision of high quality care.

"The Master Plan will enable us to provide new purpose-built accommodation and support facilities of the highest standard.

"It incorporates individual housing, support facilities, administrative buildings, a stormwater detention basin and environmental sustainability hub.

"It also takes into account the need to include commercial opportunities, such as retirement living for the broader community, to help offset the redevelopment costs.

"Currently, only 11 per cent of the 28-hectare site has been built on. The proposed plan will only increase this area to 14 per cent to ensure that extensive open space is retained.

“The protected sand dunes at Minda’s Brighton site, will not be affected by the redevelopment. Minda will look at solutions to ensure an environmentally sustainable result from its development”

“Minda’s Brighton campus has been the jewel in our crown for more than 100 years. We are pleased that our Association has endorsed the Master Plan so this can continue.”

Updates on the development of the Master Plan are available through the Minda website at www.mindainc.com.au

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