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Foreshore redevelopment works expanded

Work on the Surfers Paradise Foreshore Redevelopment has been expanded to include the entire masterplan area thanks to cost savings achieved by the managing contractor.

Chair of the Economic Development and Tourism Committee Cr Susie Douglas said the expanded scope included a number of additional zones, to be constructed between August 2010 and June 2011.

“The managing contractor has done a good job of achieving cost savings during project delivery and Council officers have successfully negotiated an expanded scope of works to be included within the existing contract,” said Cr Douglas.

“Until now, budget constraints meant that the original masterplan project area had to be scaled back a little.

“However, these areas have now been re-instated and this will really add to the end result – which will be a fantastic new foreshore area to rival any around the world.

“The project had also had a high level of local industry utilisation – at more than 70 per cent – and as part of Council’s economic stimulus package last year, an important outcome for this project was the engagement of the Gold Coast construction industry to help deliver it.

“The re-instated zones are the areas north between View and Elkhorn Avenues and south between Trickett and Laycock Streets.”

Cr Douglas said Council was continuing to work closely with Juniper, who are delivering the Soul Development and are undertaking and funding the section of foreshore works at the eastern end of Cavil Mall.