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### **New Homes and New Jobs for Lake Macquarie**

Member for Lake Macquarie, Greg Piper, welcomed the Government's approval of a major new residential development at North Cooranbong and is pleased the project supports the growth of Morisset as a major emerging retail and commercial centre.

"There is a responsibility to provide for much needed housing and at the same time deliver employment and community infrastructure in the Southlake area." Mr Piper said.

"This project will do just that by adding significantly to residential land availability, providing specific affordable housing options, creating jobs for current and future residents and delivering other important infrastructure including road and intersection upgrades, parks, playgrounds and cycleways."

"This will be good for everyone, particularly young families and those starting out with their first home."

"The approval by the Minister, and the Voluntary Planning Agreement with Council will also ensure that some 120 hectares - over one third of the land, will be retained for conservation purposes. This is a great outcome with this land having the highest level of conservation zoning under the Lake Macquarie Local Environmental Plan 2004." he said.