

Landmark project proves Mackay's economic strength



The 32-hectare Evolution Paget Industry Park has lots up to 50,000sq m on offer with subdivision expected to be finished by mid 2009. PHOTO: CONTRIBUTED

Giant Paget industrial estate gains ground

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A NEW property release in Paget is proving that our industrial sector has the resilience to withstand the current economic downturn.

The giant Evolution Paget Industry Park was launched in early December by Mackay Regional Council Mayor Col Meng, with earthworks on the site expected to begin next month.

The landmark project, which is a joint venture between development po-

werhouses Mirvac and Industrial Commercial Property Solutions (ICPS), will cover a vast expanse of industrial land, spanning 32 hectares and including 38 lots ranging in size from 3000sq m up to 50,000sq m.

ICPS general manager Mark Goodman said the Evolution Paget Industry Park development was about making things easy for "end users".

"We can save people the necessity of having to deal with numerous parties to have their facilities complet-

ed," Mr Goodman said. "With Mirvac's commitment to the project we are

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looking forward to the confidence we can bring to the market regarding availabil-

ity of a quality product on the Mackay landscape."

The development is located about 15 minutes drive from the Port of Mackay, seven minutes from the City Heart, four minutes from Mackay Airport and about one minute from the Peak Downs Highway.

Knight Frank and LJ Hooker Commercial are the exclusive marketing agents on the project.

Des Besanko of LJ Hooker Commercial said he was "certainly excited" to be involved in the new in-

dustrial precinct.

"To have the calibre of Mirvac and ICPS behind the development provides security and confidence in delivery of a high-quality estate," Mr Besanko said.

"There has been strong enquiry due to the expected time frame for delivery and high exposure to the Bruce Highway."

Lots in stage one - 21 in all - are now available and six have Bruce Highway frontage. The subdivision is expected to be complete by the middle of next year.

Council closes approval service

MACKAY Regional Council is vacating the building approvals business.

The council yesterday announced its Complete Approval Service (CAS) in Wellington Street would cease trading in February.

Development services director Graham Taylor said no further building applications would be accepted after Friday, January 30.

"Competition in the marketplace among private certifiers had caused CAS to rely on council subsidies to continue operation, rendering it no longer viable in the long term," he said.

Mr Taylor assured existing CAS customers their applications would not be left hanging.

"All valid and current applications will be completed by Complete Approval Service staff," he said.

Mr Taylor said CAS employees would maintain job security within council.

"Following the closure, plumbing approval staff will be transferred to Commercial Services in Wellington Street, meaning all of council's plumbing inspectors will work out of the same venue," he said.

"Decentralising the plumbing services offered by council will no doubt enhance efficiency in this area.

"The roles in assessing and approving plumbing applications will essentially remain the same."

Mr Taylor said an information sheet detailing alternate certifiers and design professionals has been devised to assist residents with their transition from public to private certification.

The document will be at all Mackay Regional Council customer service centres and on council's website from January 30.

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