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Island plan is reduced in numbers

PLANS to redevelop Peat Island with hundreds of new houses have been scaled down.

In 2014 the State Government announced it would apply to rezone Peat Island and Mooney Mooney that allowed for 450 new homes, tourism accommodation, a 250-berth marina and a retail centre.

The concept plan allowed for homes both in Mooney Mooney and on the island with land earmarked for a new Rural Fire Service headquarters and a community centre.

While that plan has been on hold for the past two years, residents were given a sneak preview of new plans for the area in September when Hornsby state Liberal MP Matt Kean invited river community representatives and Property NSW representatives to discuss the new plan which sees the number of dwellings halved and the island restricted to tourism facilities.

Mooney-Cheero Progress Association secretary John Andrews said residents felt the new proposal was an improvement on the 2014 plan.

"We understand that a decision has been made to make a new rezoning proposal to Central Coast Council which is different to the proposal put to Gosford Council in August 2014," Mr Andrews said. He said the new plan emphasised tourism over private housing.



Hornsby MP Matt Kean.