

# Tonsley Park set to transform into hub

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LATEST plans for the new "cleantech hub" at the Tonsley Park former Mitsubishi site include residential housing and shopping centres.

The State Government has appointed Woods Bagot to deliver a master plan for the site that will try to encourage private investment from industry.

A \$125 million TAFE training centre has been announced for the site and new concept images show plans for housing and commercial services to support students based around a "town centre".

The Government claims the redevelopment will expand the industrial and economic base of southern Adelaide and the state as SA transitions from old manufacturing industries to a low-carbon future.

Industry and Trade Minister Tom Koutsantonis said the final master plan was expected to be delivered in March and contain ideas on site layout, water, energy and road infrastructure plans. It will also



**INNOVATIVE:** An artist's impression of the new Tonsley Park site.

include a business case with costings and proposed staging of the future development.

The Government will then make a decision on how it wants to progress the next stage, including reviewing options for the involvement of the private sector.

Mr Koutsantonis says the consortium, which includes Parsons Brinkerhoff, KPMG, Rider Levett Bucknall and the Shaper Group, has globally

recognised expertise in planning multi-purpose precincts.

"Tonsley Park will create a hub for innovative companies in sustainable technologies, including cleantech and environmental industries along with advanced manufacturing," he said.

"This concept plan has shown potential for some residential and retail accommodation. However, the creation of jobs and sustainable indus-

tries is the key focus for the Government."

Modelling shows redevelopment of the site is expected to attract \$1 billion of private investment over 15 years and employ up to 8600 people on site by 2026.

It also notes the site development and productivity improvements are set to increase Gross State Product by up to \$400 million each year by 2026.

Mr Koutsantonis said the Government had held preliminary discussions with companies and educational and research institutions about moving to the site.

"The opportunity to collocate with TAFE, universities and research institutes is also an attractor to industry," he said. "In addition, the site is strategically located only 10km from the city and highly accessible being on road and rail corridors."

The Government will hold an open day at the site from 11am tomorrow and allow the public to examine latest plans for the project.