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Mall master plan gains approval

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WARRINGAH Council has approved a master plan for Warringah Mall which will see the shopping centre grow in retail space by 35,000sq m by 2021.

Tuesday night's decision means the centre, owned by AMP Capital Investors, can now proceed with having stage one of its development considered by council.

Three applications were submitted by the owners of Warringah Mall on December 18, 2008.

They included the master plan, and development applications for stage one works and construction of stormwater upgrade works at the mall.

In addition to the growth in retail space, the master plan, which will guide development over the next 12 years, will also see the number of parking spaces increased by more than 1000, a new eastern pedestrian entrance built, as well as improved pedestrian and vehicular access to the centre.

There will also be landscaping zones along the street frontages of the site.

The first stage of the redevelopment will involve the ground-level carpark on the northern side of the site developed as a multi-storey carpark and a new facade.

That will be followed by the redevelopment of a two-storey mall on the southern side of the site, near the Myer store.

Speaking at Tuesday's meeting,



The mall's centre manager Philip Spence.

Warringah Mall development manager John Gude said the council's approval of the master plan would create 2000 jobs in time.

"The community wants us to provide a shopping experience that meets its expectations and this will provide that," he said.

"They do not want to have to travel to Chatswood or Bondi for their shopping."

Centre manager Philip Spence said the approval was good news and the first "tick off" in the process.



Do you support the Mall's expansion plans?

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