

Seven-year itch for a soaring CBD

IT has taken seven years but the Tweed Economic Development Corporation has finally seen its plans for the Tweed Heads CBD come to fruition.

TEDC president Ken Lee (*pictured*) said much of what was unveiled by NSW Minister for Planning Tony Kelly in Tweed Heads on Tuesday had been put forward by the organisation years ago.

"The TEDC was the catalyst for driving a major revamp of the Tweed CBD and we are delighted to see much of our suggestions taken up by both the State Planning body and the Tweed Shire Council," said Mr Lee.

"We see the redevelopment of the Jack Evans Boat Harbour as part of a major book end project, the Tweed River Nature Link, which would have another development in Murwillumbah.



"This could lead to the development of more tourism products which the Tweed lacks."

Mr Lee said that the height issue in Tweed Heads shouldn't be that much of a concern considering there already was a 17-storey structure in the town.

"The TEDC supports any planning which generates jobs and in this regard, we believe the Tweed council needs to be a leader in job creation and be pro-active in backing this master plan," said Mr Lee.

"The Tweed needs to look at moving our economy away from being a service-based one which caters for a retiring population and this draft plan could help achieve that."