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Riverside hotel crucial for tourism

Tourism Council WA CEO Evan Hall has welcomed today's announcement that Lend Lease will build a new hotel as part of their winning bid for the Riverside development in East Perth.

"The new hotel development announced today is a great first step in addressing Perth's critical shortage of hotel rooms" said Mr Hall.

"Perth hotels have record levels of occupancy and room rates, because we haven't really built any new hotels since long before the first resources boom" said Mr Hall.

"We are turning tourists away from WA, because if they can't get a room in Perth they can't get to regional holiday destinations" said Mr Hall, "a new hotel in the new Perth Riverside precinct will be perfect for business travellers and families on holidays from the east coast".

"We also welcome the design plans for a riverside beach providing public access to the river for locals and tourists" said Mr Hall "the precinct will be a family friendly destination for tourists" said Mr Hall.

Tourism Council WA has congratulated Planning Minister John Day, Tourism Minister Kim Hames and the East Perth Redevelopment Authority, for ensuring tourism is part of the urban renewal and redevelopment of Perth.

"This successful bid shows that when the Government is determined to get hotels built, tourism investors and hotel operators will come to the party" said Mr Hall.

"Perth Link, Stadium and Waterfront are also key opportunities for the Government to win new investment in tourism attractions and hotels" said Mr Hall "and today's winning bid shows that it can be done."

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Media Comment

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