

BAR STABILISATION TO PROCEED

On a recent visit to the Gold Coast, the former Treasurer, Dr. Llew Edwards, confirmed the Government's intention to proceed with the stabilisation of the Southport Bar. He told a group gathered for lunch at the Ron McMaster Group offices that, based on information he had received, it was expected that an acceptable tender would be obtained and construction would commence before Christmas 1983. Dr. Edwards said that the funds had been allocated for this purpose in the next two budgets.

The importance of this situation, both to the Gold Coast and Bayview Harbour is immense. The safer passage will encourage those people from the south to boat here. It also opens the way for a substantial increase in blue water racing and deep sea fishing. We see this as a milestone for the Gold Coast and one which will aid the continued growth of water based recreation.

STABILISATION OF BAR 'WILL GO AHEAD'

Treasurer
hits out
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Dr Llew Edwards

this stage, he was confident that funding would not be a problem.

He said other proposals raised by the Gold Coast Waterways Authority in relation to development of the Broadwater were under examination and a decision on them would be made at the appropriate time in consultation with the authority.

THE Queensland Deputy Premier and Treasurer, Dr Llew Edwards, said yesterday that work on stabilisation of the Southport Bar would begin as soon as practicable after a decision was made on tenders for the project.

Dr Edwards, who visited the Gold Coast yesterday afternoon to discuss the matter with the Liberal candidate for Southport, Mrs. Carol McLaughlin, hit out at rumour-mongers who persisted in casting doubts on the project.

Tenders

"The suggestion seems to be that tenders have been called only to fulfil an election promise and that there is no intention to proceed," the Treasurer said.

"I find such an idea utterly ridiculous.

"The fact is that I raised this matter in Cabinet recently, and as far as the State Government is concerned stabilisation of the bar will be proceeding."

Dr Edwards said tenders called by the Gold Coast Waterways Authority will close on July 20.

He said the government had the responsibility of providing funds for the project, and while the means of such funding could not be outlined at

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