

320 hectare industrial site

Plans underway for major development at Tomago

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DEVELOPERS are set to submit massive expansion plans for an industrial estate at Tomago.

Early this year, WEPL Investments bought 240 hectares next door to the site on which it was already building the NSW headquarters for WesTrac.

The company plans to combine its new land with the balance of its original site to make way for the Northbank Enterprise Hub (NEH), a 320-hectare industrial subdivision. "It's a very exciting prospect for us as a company and for the Hunter," the company's director of property management David Aspinall said. A concept plan for the NEH should be finished next month, with a development application to go before the NSW Department of Planning by the end of the year.

The \$90 million-plus WesTrac development is already under way and while finer details for the rest of the site will be revealed in the concept plan, Mr Aspinall said there would be a "mixture of associated commercial

developments." He also said the company was aware the estate would encroach on land near the 1940s-built Tomago House and adjacent chapel.

He said the heritage attractions were being considered as part of planning.



WORK: The planned hub would be adjacent to Westrac.