



An artist's impression of the Dexu waterfront redevelopment.

# RIVER CITY'S WATERFRONT TO HAVE STYLISH MAKEOVER

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BRISBANE'S premier dining precinct will be adorned with hanging gardens, a sweeping promenade and public space the size of a football field, under a massive new project. Brisbane City Council has

approved the Dexu group's development plans for Waterfront Brisbane, a \$2.1bn makeover of the Eagle Street Pier and Waterfront Place.

Thursday's approval follows council's Waterfront Masterplan, which aims to evolve the 1.2km of river

frontage that stretches from the Botanic Gardens to Howard Smith wharves.

The Dexu development includes a wider resurfaced river walk, new eateries and bars as well as about 9000sq m of public space.

New concept images of the

sweeping development show 43-storey and 49-storey skyscrapers towering over riverfront buildings adorned with hanging plants and rooftop gardens.

"As part of the approval, a new 280m river walk connecting Waterfront Place

to the Riparian Plaza will be constructed, replacing the existing aged path," council's City Planning and Economic Development Chair Krista Adams said. Dexu chief investment officer Ross Du Vernet said: "The project's scale and central riverfront

location will firmly establish Waterfront Brisbane as a world class destination."

Construction of the new river walk is expected to begin in 2022, funded by council and delivered by Dexu. The first tower is set to be completed in 2026.