



Nobby's lighthouse gets green light for redevelopment

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Newcastle's historic Nobby's lighthouse will be redeveloped after the city council backed the \$2 million plan at its meeting last night.

A consortium wants to convert three existing cottages on the site to eight accommodation units and transform another building into a 50 seat restaurant.

Some councillors criticised the plan for compromising the site's heritage value and there were also concerns about the operating hours of its viewing platform and kiosk.

But Newcastle Lord Mayor John Tate says it is an exciting project for the city.

"I'm relieved that council has given this the green light, this has had extraordinary examination by the heritage office and the heritage council," he said.

"I think this is an exceptional development, a unique development and will do a tremendous amount for tourism as far as Newcastle is concerned."

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