

Ralph Sarich's Cape Bouvard Investments has lodged plans with Stirling City Council for its prime site on the corner of West Coast Highway and Brighton Road, marking the first signs of the revitalisation of Scarborough Beach after years of planning uncertainty.

Cape Bouvard lodged a development application with the council just days after Planning and Infrastructure Minister Alannah MacTiernan officially signed off on the contentious Amendment 457 to Stirling's district planning scheme, which allows buildings of up to eight storeys near the beach.

The Sarich family company's plans for its 6000sqm site include 85 residential apartments, 30 to 35 short-stay tourism units and retail or commercial space at ground level. The eight-storey redevelopment is worth an estimated \$90 million.

Stirling mayor Terry Tyzack said Cape Bouvard's development application - the first from a landowner in the area covered by Amendment 457 - coincided with the council calling for tenders for stage one and two of its \$2.7 million beach infrastructure upgrade.

This includes construction of an amphitheatre at the end of Scarborough Beach Road on the beach side of the clock tower, and new alfresco dining space on the Esplanade between Observation City and Manning Street.

Combined, the projects would spark the rejuvenation of an under performing precinct, Cr Tyzack said.

Amendment 457 is really refining the council's aim for that site for the past 30 years,' he said. Cape Bouvard spokesman Greg Byrne said the gazetting of Amendment 457 was a positive move that gave the company certainty after three years in limbo. Cape Bouvard previously planned a 16-storey tower on the Brighton Road site.