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### **NEW FILM STUDIO FOR COFFS COAST PART OF POTENTIAL REGIONAL JOB PRECINCT**

The NSW Government will pursue establishing a Regional Job Precinct in line with the announcement of a brand new film studio at Pacific Bay Resort in Coffs Harbour, the NSW Deputy Premier, the NSW Treasurer and the Member for Coffs Harbour announced today.

Deputy Premier John Barilaro said the NSW Government will investigate a range of options to support this exciting project including the creation of a Regional Job Precinct.

"This project has the potential to elevate Coffs Harbour to the world stage with international demand for filming space currently at an all-time high," Mr Barilaro said.

"The proposal, which also includes a boutique hotel, a state-of-the-art film school, an indigenous art gallery and an Olympic and film memorabilia museum, would provide an exciting new industry for the region."

Treasurer Dominic Perrottet said the studio will support new jobs in high tech cinematics and the state of the art film school will be where our stars of tomorrow can develop and be part of this exciting industry.

"The Australian film industry employs 20,000 people and if the NSW Government can develop and support regional capacity in this area we can ensure the creation of an entirely new regional industry and a potential jobs boom for Coffs Harbour," Mr Perrottet said.

"NSW employs around 56 per cent of the Australian screen industry and this project will help Coffs Harbour tap into that, creating a pathway to high-value jobs for more regional young people."

Member for Coffs Harbour Gurmeh Singh said the local community is excited to see this project get underway.

"The NSW Government will work closely with all stakeholders to leverage the potential opportunities this precinct will create. It will further strengthen the Coffs Coast's economic and cultural future," Mr Singh said.

Regional Job Precincts, an extension of the Special Activation Precinct Program, provide planning support to help fast-track approvals and build shared infrastructure to drive growth, investment and development opportunities within regional NSW.

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