



Extension planned for Surfers building

A PROMINENT Surfers Paradise building is earmarked for a facelift by its owner, developer the Ingles Group.

The group intends to extend the partial first-floor to complement the lower level of the building, at 18 Remembrance Drive, formerly home to the Crooked House Restaurant.

An application has been lodged with the Gold Coast City Council to extend the 1289sqm building to 1724sqm.

Its basement level will remain unchanged and caters for 40 vehicles.

The property is zoned for a 30-storey tower, has 30m of water frontage and overlooks the Isle of Capri.

The building, on a 1831sqm parcel, was bought through entity Beckberry for \$7.15 million from Brisbane interests in 2006.

The previous owners, Chia-Hong, Chi-Zu and Shih-Huei Tsai, closed the restaurant in 2002, replacing it with a duty free shop and cafe, which closed two years later.

The building has sat empty for the past four years.

In 2007, the council approved use of the property as office space, but it has yet to be used for office purposes.