



Minister for Transport Minister for Main Roads

Mr John English MP Member for Redlands PO Box 3070 Victoria Point West Qld 4165

Dear Mr English

I refer to a petition lodged by you on 26 March 2003 on behalf of Mr Ken Cullum, with the Legislative Assembly of Queensland, about aspects of buoy mooring requirements for tender vessels.

The requirement for all buoy moorings, regardless of the type and purpose of use of the vessel attached to them, to have an approval has been part of marine legislation for a significant number of years.

The placing of tender vessels on buoy moorings as opposed to the option of anchoring, particularly along shallow foreshore areas such as those at Victoria Point and Point Halloran, has significant safety benefits for both vessel owners and the community.

I am satisfied that application of the existing mooring legislation and policies contributes to an effective safety management system. Therefore, I do not consider the request to exempt the owners of dinghies and tender vessels from the payment of mooring fees to be suitable.

Yours sincerely

Steve Bredhauer

Minister for Transport and Minister for Main Roads

Member for Cook

Capital Hill Building 85 George Street Brisbane Queensland 4000 Australia GPO Box 2644 Queensland 4001 Australia

Telephone +617 3237 1949 Facsimile -617 3224 4242