

Our ref MC3134

Mr Colin Ramsay  
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Dear Mr Ramsay

I refer to the petitions regarding the Manly Boat Harbour tabled in Parliament by the Honourable Paul Lucas MP on 20 August 2003 and 28 October 2003. The petitions request that Parliament not approve the development and sale of land in the vicinity of the Manly Boat Harbour and request that this and some adjacent land be given to the people as enduring parkland.

The land adjoining the Manly Boat Harbour referred to in the petition is controlled by the Port of Brisbane Corporation (PBC) which also manages the boat harbours at Scarborough, Cabbage Tree Creek, the Gardens Point moorings and a number of other public marine facilities along the Brisbane River.

The PBC recognised that there may be opportunities to better manage and redevelop these harbour facilities. In late 2002 it commenced a master planning exercise for the Scarborough and Manly Boat Harbours. Town planning consultants, Buckley Vann, were engaged to undertake the concept design work for the master planning for both boat harbours.

Some initial concepts for possible long term redevelopments aimed at creating better community facilities had been prepared to promote public discussion. I understand that a major objective of the master plan was to “create good places that people will want to visit and use”. In the process of providing for harbour users and enhancing harbour operations the PBC was aiming to respond to and balance community needs and visions.

However the redevelopment proposals for both harbours raised public concerns. The PBC announced earlier in the year that it would not be continuing with the master planning proposals for the Scarborough Boat Harbour in the foreseeable future.

The PBC is currently reassessing its proposals for the Manly Boat Harbour in light of the suggestions and concerns expressed through the community consultation process. The PBC is continuing to consult with community groups in this regard and it is anticipated that the result of those consultations will be announced in the near future.

The petitioners also request that this land be given to the people as enduring parkland. However, there is a balance under the current land tenure arrangements which provides for the long term management needs of the PBC as boat harbour manager as well as allowing for realistic and safe public access. It is therefore necessary that the area remains under the control of the PBC.

The interest and the concerns of the petitioners are noted.

Yours sincerely

*- Original signed by Minister -*

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**Minister for Transport  
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Member for Cook**