



The Honourable Scott Emerson MP
Minister for Transport and Main Roads

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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition number 2322-14 lodged with the Legislative Assembly on 15 October 2014 requesting access to public jetties for recreational fishing, in particular, the William Gunn Jetty in Manly Boat Harbour.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) manages all public jetties and public marine facilities in accordance with the *Transport Infrastructure (Public Marine Facilities) Regulation 2011*. This legislation allows for the use of a public marine facility for recreational boating purposes.

The Manly Harbour was managed by the Port of Brisbane until the facility was transferred to TMR in June 2010. The primary function of the harbour is to facilitate and service recreational boating, in conjunction with limited commercial activity.

Harbours throughout the state are managed by relevant local governments. Councils are appointed by the TMR Chief Executive as Local Managing Authorities to manage public marine infrastructure including jetties, pontoons and boat ramps.

Fishing and netting on public marine infrastructure impacts on boat operations and causes safety issues relating to the conflict of use. The casting and retrieving of fishing nets, fishing lines and pots being caught in propellers and outboard motors, discarded fishing hooks, bait and tackle impact negatively on harbour safety.

The permitted use of public facilities in the harbours remains unchanged. Maintenance works to replace faded and outdated signage, which included the installation of additional signs, has been completed.

Yours sincerely



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