



Minister for Transport and Main Roads

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Mr Neil Laurie
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition number 2886-18 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Jason Costigan MP, Member for Whitsunday, on 8 March 2018 about opposition to a new boat ramp at Black Currant Island and a proposal to consider an alternate site at Dingo Beach.

During the 2017 election campaign, the Palaszczuk Government committed funding towards a new all-tide boat ramp in the Cape Gloucester/Dingo Beach area.

The project was first envisaged in the 2016 edition of the *Recreational Boating Facilities Demand Forecasting Study*. Since then, the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) has conducted investigative hydrographic surveys on several sites for consideration of the associated land-side investment by Whitsunday Regional Council.

TMR is currently in the process of developing a community consultation process to progress this commitment, and I expect that to start in coming months.

I thank the petitioners for their interest in this issue, and encourage them to contribute to the upcoming consultation process.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Bailey'.

MARK BAILEY MP
Minister for Transport and Main Roads