



Hon. Paul Lucas MP



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Our ref: MC31819

Your ref: 866-07

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Minister for  
Transport and Main Roads

12 SEP 2007

Mr Neil Laurie  
The Clerk of the Parliament  
Queensland Parliamentary Service  
Parliament House  
George Street  
Brisbane Qld 4000

Dear Mr Laurie

**Re: petition received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly No 866-07**

Thank you for your letter of 15 August 2007 and the petition from the Burrum Heads Blue Water Boat Club to the Queensland Parliament, which was tabled 8 August 2007, requesting the Queensland Government to liaise with Hervey Bay City Council to establish an additional all-weather boat ramp in the Lions Park area of Burrum Heads.

As you are aware, Queensland Transport (QT) operates a Boating Infrastructure Capital and Maintenance Program (BICMP) that provides recreational boating facilities throughout Queensland. The BICMP is a cooperative program between QT and local councils. Under this program, the local council must justify to itself the need for facilities and provide the land based infrastructure, such as road access and car/trailer parking. QT provides the boat ramp structure part of the project.

To have a project accepted onto the BICMP, council must initiate and drive the process of submitting a project proposal to QT that conforms to policy, undertakes to provide the land based infrastructure for the facility and agrees to manage the operational facility.

QT officers have advised that following a number of years of consultation and planning for a new boat ramp in the vicinity of Lions Park, a planning consultant has been appointed by council to investigate options and costings for additional boating infrastructure in the Burrum Heads area. This report is yet to be finalised and forwarded to council for consideration and decision.

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Should council decide to proceed with recommendations contained in the consultant's report, a submission can be made to QT for funding from the BICMP. Until a formal submission for this project has been received, QT cannot proceed further as any proposal must be initiated by council.

For QT to provide funds for any new boat ramp, the council submission will need to give an undertaking that council or others will accept responsibility for the maintenance of ancillary structures such as sand protection walls and periodic dredging of the channel.

If a conforming council submission is received in the November 2007 call for BICMP bids, QT will consider expediting the project by transferring the money allocated in the draft 2008-09 budget for the widening of the Burrum Heads Road boat ramp to the new project upstream of Lions Park.

In 2005, QT spent \$75 000 on upgrading the Burrum Heads Road boat ramp to an elevated structure which allows the movement of sand under the ramp instead of being deposited at the toe. This has increased the useability of the ramp making launching and retrieval of vessels safer and easier.

QT has responded to Mr Cardiff directly and a copy of this letter is attached for your information.

Please be assured that the Beattie Government is committed to better public boating facilities and services. In 2007-08, an outlay of more than \$42m, including an estimated \$12.2m for Maritime Safety Queensland services, will be expended on state-wide recreational boating infrastructure. This is compared with an estimated annual revenue of approximately \$14.5m from recreational vessel registrations during the same period.

I trust this information clarifies QT's position on this matter. If you require any further information, please call Paul Stenhouse, Director (Boating Infrastructure) on 3117 5708. Mr Stenhouse will be pleased to assist.

Yours sincerely

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Mr Bill Cardiff  
Chairman  
Burrum Heads Blue Water Boat Club  
20 Orchid Drive  
Burrum Heads Qld 4659

Dear Mr Cardiff

**Re: New all-weather boat ramp at Burrum Heads**

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