



Minister for Transport and Main Roads

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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition number 3113-19 lodged with the Legislative Assembly on 4 April 2019 about a boat ramp at Seagull Street, Slade Point.

The Mackay Regional Council (MRC) has previously lodged three capital works bids to the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) to fund the in-water component of a new boat ramp at Slade Point. The latest bid was in November 2014.

For TMR to consider funding a boat ramp, it must receive a council commitment to fund the landside works, including sufficient car-trailer unit parking. TMR's policy requires a minimum of 15 car-trailer parking spaces. MRC's three bids included only six car-trailer parking spaces, which would not be adequate for the proposed facility.

It is possible MRC may, in future, submit a re-designed configuration with sufficient car-trailer parking for TMR funding consideration.

While the Slade Point boat ramp location was not a recommendation of the Recreational Boating Facilities Demand Forecasting Study 2016, it may in the future form part of the Marine Infrastructure Investment Program due to its satisfaction of other prioritising criteria.

The study was prepared for consideration by all boating infrastructure delivery agencies which includes councils, port authorities and TMR.

TMR officers understand that MRC is considering its own future boat ramp project at Slade Point.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A blue ink handwritten signature, appearing to read "Mark Bailey", with a long, sweeping tail.

MARK BAILEY MP
Minister for Transport and Main Roads