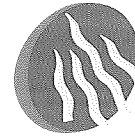




Hon Rachel Nolan MP
Member for Ipswich



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Minister for Transport

Our ref: MC41794

Your ref: Petitions

25 NOV 2009

Mr Neil Laurie
Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
George Street
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Dear Mr Laurie *Neil*

I refer to a petition number 1206-09 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by the Honourable Paul Lucas MP, Member for Lytton on 22 April 2009 about Sailability Bayside, which operates a volunteer sailing service for disabled persons out of Manly Boat Harbour.

The petition reported that Sailability Bayside was experiencing difficulty operating since its use of the Coast Guard pontoon had been terminated for operational reasons. The petitioners requested the House to expedite negotiations between the Port of Brisbane Corporation and potential leaseholders over a preferred site so that the site could be upgraded to accommodate Sailability Bayside's needs.

You may be aware that administrative and management responsibilities for the Port of Brisbane Corporation boat harbours, including Manly Boat Harbour, will be transferred to the Department of Transport and Main Roads. Manly Boat Harbour will therefore not be part of the government-owned assets sale outlined in the *Renewing Queensland: Future Investment Plan*.

I am pleased to advise that my department wrote to the Darling Point Sailing Squadron Inc on 22 October 2009 outlining a proposal for continuation of tenure for the squadron at its Norfolk Point site in Manly Boat Harbour. This lease tenure will be offered for an initial period of three years. Darling Point Sailing Squadron Inc is now in a position to offer continued accommodation of the activities of Sailability Bayside, as well as those of other school and community organisations.

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I am also pleased to advise that the Queensland Government will provide a pontoon at the Darling Point Sailing Squadron site. The pontoon will cater specifically for Sailability Bayside operations. This was advised to Sailability Bayside by letter on 12 October 2009. Planning and design of the pontoon has commenced. Construction may take up to nine months due to the necessary design and environmental approval requirements.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'R. Nolan', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

RACHEL NOLAN MP
Minister for Transport