

Minister for Transport and Main Roads

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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition 3431-20 lodged with the Legislative Assembly on 11 March 2021 about a boardwalk for Manly.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) owns and manages the Manly State Boat Harbour (the harbour), which is situated adjacent to the location of the proposed boardwalk. However, Brisbane City Council (BCC) owns and manages the public space along Royal Esplanade between Cambridge street and the Wynnum Manly Yacht Club. To progress the petitioners' proposal for a boardwalk, I encourage them to contact BCC with their request.

Subject to further details, TMR holds some concerns about the proposed stairway and landing platform to provide access to the waters of the harbour. As this is a working harbour regulated under the Transport Infrastructure (Public Marine Facilities) Regulation 2011, it is likely that access to the waters to conduct activities in this location will encroach on navigation channels and leased areas, resulting in trespass and safety issues. Therefore, TMR encourages all access to the waters of the harbour to be via the purpose built public marine facilities provided, as per the attached site plan.

It should also be noted that any activities within the harbour, besides from the use of the public marine facilities for their intended purpose of launching and retrieving recreational vessels, requires prior written approval from TMR. This approval can be sought through completing an *Event Application Form for a Short-Term Agreement* which can be obtained by emailing MSQ.BoatHarbourOps@msq.qld.gov.au.

To support the future planning for the harbour, TMR undertook online community consultation in mid-2020. A summary of the community engagement—which highlights the importance of this area to the local community—is available at www.tmr.qld.gov.au/projects/manly-boat-harbour. The insights are currently being considered prior to developing the master plan.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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Minister for Transport and Main Roads

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MANLY BOAT HARBOUR - PUBLIC MARINE FACILITIES PLAN

