



Hon. Paul Lucas MP



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Our Ref MC3679a

Minister for
Transport and Main Roads

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

Dear Mr Laurie

Re: Petition No. 6838 dated 25 November 2003 – Scarborough Boat Harbour

I refer to the petition lodged by the Honourable Ray Hollis MP, Member for Redcliffe in Parliament on 25 November 2003 regarding the Scarborough Boat Harbour. The principal petitioner was Ms Jennifer Don.

This petition was forwarded to the Honourable Steve Bredhauer, former Minister for Transport and Minister for Main Roads for reply. As you would be aware Mr Bredhauer retired following the recent state election and I have now been appointed as the new Minister for Transport and Main Roads.

I note that this petition is identical to a petition lodged on 6 June 2003 requesting the House to not approve the development and sale of State Government owned land near the Scarborough Boat Harbour. It also requests that this and some adjacent land be given to the people as enduring parkland.

In response to the petition of 6 June 2003, the Honourable Steve Bredhauer, former Minister for Transport and Minister for Main Roads advised that the Port of Brisbane Corporation (PBC) in mid-June of 2003 announced that it would not be continuing with the Scarborough Boat Harbour master-planning project and that it did not envisage restarting the project in the foreseeable future. Since that announcement the PBC has determined that a number of improvements and repairs be undertaken to ensure safety and enhance the amenity of the harbour.

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The improvements which are aimed at providing better amenity and safety include:

- provision of two picnic shelters with tables and seating on the southern side of the harbour entrance;
- installation of a queuing pontoon at the northern boat ramp (to be funded and installed by Queensland Transport);
- provision of an ambulance bay next to the Coastguard; and
- repairs to the rock wall.

In addition the PBC has recently placed bollards around the area where the shelters are to be erected to prevent vehicular access, as well as laying turf and providing seating. Handrails have also been installed around the public jetty and new fender piles and the public conveniences have been upgraded.

These improvements are being provided on the PBC land for the benefit of the local community. The expenditure will not generate any commercial return for the Corporation.

The current land tenure arrangements provide for the long term management needs of the PBC as boat harbour manager as well as allowing for realistic and safe public access. The public already has a high degree of access to this area with the present system providing for the reasonable needs of the majority of stakeholders. There are therefore no plans to change the current tenure arrangements for this land.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

PAUL LUCAS MP
Minister for Transport and Main Roads