



Hon. Paul Lucas MP



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Your ref: 506-05

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. 506-05
Boat Ramp - Goondoon Street, Gladstone**

I refer to Petition No. 506-05 lodged by Mrs Liz Cunningham MP, Member for Gladstone in Parliament on 10 August 2005 about Gladstone City Council's consideration of an option to relocate the existing boat ramp to a marina as part of a proposed redevelopment of the CBD and waterfront areas on the Auckland Creek side of Goondoon Street, Gladstone.

The Goondoon Street boat ramp is owned by Queensland Transport (QT) and managed on behalf of QT by the Central Queensland Ports Authority (CQPA). This three-lane boat ramp is currently the major facility for launching recreational vessels in the central Gladstone area.

I am advised that the recent consultant report commissioned by the Gladstone City Council (GCC) on CBD and waterfront redevelopment is a strategic planning document with many options proposed for discussion. I understand that options within the report have not yet been adopted or endorsed by GCC and that extensive community consultation would occur before such adoption.

Any boat ramp relocation option would only be pursued with the assurance of an equal or better public facility being provided. This is consistent with QT policy on waterfront redevelopment involving public boating infrastructure.

Council's redevelopment proposals and options have not yet been formally submitted to QT for comment. Nor has the facility manager (CQPA) sought formal comment from QT about GCC's redevelopment options or proposals. QT treats any submitted proposals on a case by case basis.

Yours sincerely

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Minister for Transport and Main Roads