

6.3. UPGRADE/REPAIR OF BOAT RAMP FACILITIES AT ROCKY POINT AND NEWELL BEACH

COUNCILLOR: Cr Terry Melchert

NOTICE OF MOTION:

I hereby give Notice of my intention to move the following Motion at the Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday 3 November 2015:-

“that Council make a request to the State Government under the recently announced \$30 million boost to the Marine Infrastructure Fund for funding to be allocated to the repair/redesign of the Rocky point boat ramp and channel dredging at the Newell Beach Boat Ramp. The works to include full community consultation and :-

(i) consideration of widening the concrete surface of the Rocky Point Ramp to cover the exposed rocks.

(ii) consideration of the installation of a “post and rail” wave deflection device at the end of the existing groyne so that greater weather protection is provided for boat launching, without affecting natural sand drift.

(iii) the dredging of a channel from the “toe” of the Newell Boat Ramp out into the main river channel and the redefinition and marking of the river mouth entrance channel.”

BACKGROUND:

Community concerns about the boat ramps have been well canvassed and the new funding provides an opportunity for the required works to be completed in a timely fashion according to community needs.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S COMMENT:

The \$30 million funding boost to the Marine Infrastructure Fund will benefit the community from the construction of new boat ramps, pontoons and floating walkways. The program of works for 2016/17 has been approved and the planning for these projects is underway.

The additional budget allocation does not appear to be external grant funding available to Local Government but is an increase in state government funding. Officer enquiries to DTMR and reference to the state budget indicates that the fund is only available to DTMR for DTMR lead projects.

Council will continue to advocate for urgent repairs to the Rocky Point Boat Ramp directly to the State Government. On 16 October 2015, the Mayor sought an urgent deputation with Minister Mark Bailey on the communities' behalf for urgent repairs.