



The Honourable Scott Emerson MP
Minister for Transport and Main Roads

Our ref: PP2000-12

Your ref: Petitions

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

Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to a petition number 2000-12 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Ms Anne Maddern MP, Member for Maryborough on 31 October 2012, about Beaver Rock Road boat ramp in the Mary River.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads owns the Beaver Rock boat ramp. Fraser Coast Regional Council as the appointed manager for the boat ramp under the *Transport Infrastructure Act 1994*, is responsible for management of the facility and day to day maintenance such as cleaning and removal of silt from the boat ramp.

Departmental officers have recently spoken with council staff on several occasions about Beaver Rock boat ramp. Council officers advise they are endeavouring to manage the increased rate of siltation that has occurred over approximately the past two years.

I am advised a council contractor cleans the Beaver Rock boat ramp monthly using high pressure water. A bobcat is also used to remove excessive silt when necessary. The current cleaning program is not always sufficient to keep the ramp surface clear of silt. Council is examining other cost effective methods of clearing silt from the surface of the ramp.

The Beaver Rock boat ramp is currently under review for an appropriate upgrade for the benefit of the local community. The Queensland Government is committed to better public boating facilities and services throughout the state, with \$50 million committed to the Marine Infrastructure Fund over the next four years. Subject to funds availability, improvements to the Beaver Rock boat ramp will be considered for inclusion in future years' work programs.

Yours sincerely

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