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Mr Neil Laurie
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petitions 4088-24 and 4051-24, lodged with the Legislative Assembly on 21 May 2024 about the Scarborough Boat Harbour Draft Master Plan (draft Master Plan).

In 2021, feedback was sought and received from the community and other stakeholders about long-term planning for the Scarborough Boat Harbour, which is one of only eight public boat harbours on the Queensland coast. The information gathered was used by the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) in the formulation of the draft Master Plan, while also considering the role of Scarborough Boat Harbour to:

- provide safe and efficient access for recreational and commercial vessels
- promote activities that are commercially and environmentally sustainable, support the maritime industry and generate local employment and tourism.

Public consultation on the draft Master Plan ran from 13 November 2023 until 11 March 2024.

During the public consultation period, members of the community were widely engaged and provided with opportunities to seek additional information and provide feedback through the following means:

- approximately 19,750 postcards were delivered to Scarborough, Redcliffe, Kippa-Ring and Newport post codes
- an estimated 202 people attended seven pop-up information sessions
- leaseholder, stakeholder and key industry information sessions were held, supported by the offer of one-on-one sessions with TMR
- 5582 views of the draft Master Plan project and social pinpoint websites
- 1426 people downloaded the draft Master Plan
- a dedicated phone line and email inbox to respond to enquiries.

TMR received a total of 302 submissions, comprising 95 emails, 16 hard copies, 119 survey responses, and 72 map contributions.

TMR received feedback from a range of stakeholders with a diversity of views and desires for the future of the Scarborough Boat Harbour. More recently, a public forum was held at the Redcliffe Leagues Club, where members of the community were invited to share their views on the draft Master Plan. This forum was an opportunity for the community to hear directly from departmental staff on the opportunities and challenges and it is my understanding that this forum was well received. TMR is continuing to meet with interested community groups and stakeholders as the master plan continues to be developed. This feedback will be considered in the formulation of the final Master Plan.

It is anticipated a final Master Plan will be available later this year. Over the coming years, the Master Plan will be monitored, reviewed and updated as appropriate.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bart Mellish', is written over a light blue horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

BART MELLISH MP
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