

## Hon Rachel Nolan MP

Member for Ipswich

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Your ref: Petitions

Queensland Government

Minister for Transport

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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 1311-09 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Dr Mark Robinson MP, Member for Cleveland on 17 September 2009 about the proposed Amity Point boat ramp.

The location and design of the new boat ramp follows a lengthy consultation process with the Amity Point Progress Association and a number of recreational boating interest groups on North Stradbroke Island. This consultation process, which started in September 2007, resulted in a number of changes to the size and positioning of the new ramp.

Throughout the design process for the new boat ramp, it has been acknowledged that the ramp will be exposed at times to wind from the west and south-west but will receive some shelter from the north-west and north, provided by the point of land adjacent to the new ramp.

Accepting that there will be times during which weather conditions may not be ideal for launching and retrieving boats, the new boat ramp is being provided with a number of mooring piles and mooring rings in the ramp to allow boats to be tied off while people retrieve their vehicles. After a recent request from the Amity Point Progress Association, mooring piles will now be provided on both sides of the ramp and at a reduced spacing.

I am further advised that a contractor has been appointed to build the new ramp and install the mooring piles. The contractor has established plant and equipment on site and will start shortly.

This new boat ramp will provide the Amity Point recreational boating community with a safe and functional asset that meets their needs for launching and retrieving their vessels.

Yours sincerely

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