

Rosslyn Bay boat ramps upgrade project consultation summary

Consultation approach

- Maritime Safety Queensland (MSQ) undertook community consultation on the initial concept plan with local users of the Rosslyn Bay boat ramp facilities as part of the delivery of the 2020 election commitment project.
- From community feedback, MSQ gained a greater understanding of the requirements of local users of the boat ramp facilities and has revised the concept plan.

Consultation snapshot

- Opened from 9 August to 3 September 2021 through the project webpage.
- 17 responses received.
- 5 responses (29 per cent) were in favour of an upgrade/reconfiguration of the existing boat ramps and pontoons in the harbour.
- 10 responses (59 per cent) highlighted that car-trailer parking at the harbour was a big problem with too few parking spaces available close to the boat ramps.
- 6 responses (35 per cent) requested alternative public boating facilities be built or upgraded elsewhere on the Capricorn Coast.

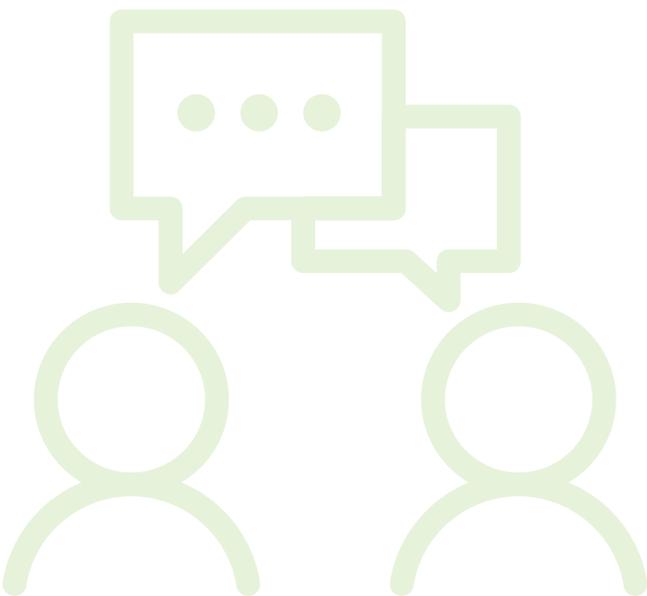
Key feedback

The majority of comments received highlighted concerns with two issues:

- On-water congestion and vessels queuing during low tides and busy periods.
- The need for further car-trailer parking in the harbour.

Other information

- There were several comments suggesting alternative public boating facilities be built or upgraded elsewhere on the Capricorn Coast to ease pressure on the harbour.
- In the last five years, MSQ and Livingstone Shire Council have completed major upgrades to the Coorooman Creek boat ramp at Zilzie. This near all-tide facility is now four lanes wide with a central floating walkway, has lit navigation aids marking the deepest water in the creek entrance; a sealed access road and 93 car-trailer unit parking spaces.
- Other locations along the Capricorn Coast were previously investigated for development of a large scale recreational boating facility including Causeway Lake entrance, Ritamada, Emu Park and Keppel Sands. However, none of these sites are considered as viable alternate locations. Expansion of Rosslyn Bay Boat Harbour is considered the only practicable long-term solution to meet increasing boating demand in the Capricorn Coast region.
- There was also a suggestion to use other existing private or government agency boat ramps in the harbour away from the two existing public boat ramps. This was assessed and discounted for various reasons including site security and operational impacts.



Comments from some responses

Comment 1

“The parking at Rosslyn Bay is the problem.”

Comment 2

“Support longer pontoon and extra ramp on the western site but need to allow vessels to queue both sides.”

Comment 3

“I am a regular user of this facility and have witnessed on numerous occasions the changes to the congestion shifting, from parking (which will never be rectified) to now, being on the water.”

Comment 4

“I strongly believe the only solution to rectify the problems surrounding RBH is simply to build another facility on the southern end of the Capricorn Coast!”

Comment 5

“It’s great to see the urgent need for more water access has been finally acknowledged and some action proposed.”

Comment 6

“Main issue is lack of queuing at low tide. At low tide only a few boats can berth. Sometimes boats berth at the end of the pontoon.”

Revised concept

All feedback received during the consultation period has been considered by MSQ. The revised concept plan has addressed the on-water congestion issue by providing improved on water queuing facilities.

The revised concept features:

- The addition of a dredged basin, sheet pile wall, and approximately 60 metres of additional berthing pontoons between the two boat ramps. This will provide more space at all tides for boaties to berth during busy periods and while retrieving their car-trailer.
- The extension of the floating walkway on the Breakwater Drive ramp has been shortened from 60 metres to 42 metres and straightened to allow easier berthing on both sides.
- The Breakwater Drive ramp will be widened by one lane on the eastern side.

Next steps

Geotechnical site investigations in the proposed new dredged area have been carried out to support the design process. The revised concept has now progressed to preliminary design.

Investigations are also continuing into the feasibility of an expansion of the car-trailer park along Breakwater Drive.

Project timing

- Mid-2022 – finalise design and obtain approvals
- Late 2022 – award contract
- Mid-2023 – project completion, weather permitting.

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