Emu Park Recreational Boating Study

Project overview

A study is currently underway to assess the feasibility of a new recreational boating facility located at Emu Park. The Department of Transport and Main Roads is undertaking a Social and Economic Benefits and Impacts study which is expected to be completed by mid this year.

This study will include a comprehensive assessment of the direct and indirect benefits and impacts to the local community and wider Southern Capricorn Coast for two proposed options at Emu Park. Consultation with stakeholders including residents, local recreational boating/fishing groups, community groups and local businesses as well as other interested stakeholders will form part of this study.

History

In 2011, the Department of Transport and Main Roads undertook a study that established current and future demand for recreational boating for the state of Queensland. The Demand Forecasting Study was undertaken for each of the five Transport and Main Roads regions, of which Central Region was one, to assist in the identification of the areas of the greatest need for additional or upgraded recreational boating facilities.

This study identified that Rockhampton and Livingstone council areas had a shortfall in all-tide access boat ramp lanes. Since 2011, there has also been steady growth of boating registrations for the Rockhampton and Livingstone council areas.

This study also assesses additional opportunities for future development on Great Keppel Island.

Where to from here?

A four week engagement period will be undertaken, commencing with this Community Information Day.

Today you have the opportunity to discuss the proposed options and have any questions about the study and consultation activities answered by representatives from the study team.

Our online survey is now available for you to complete and provide feedback on the proposed new boating facility at Emu Park.

This survey also asks for additional information such as issues, benefits and any possible mitigation measures. This will form part of the Social and Economic Benefits and Impacts Study.

This study is located on the Get Involved website (www.getinvolved.qld.gov.au) and will be available between Saturday 16 April and Monday 16 May 2016.

Following the Communication Information Day, a number of face-to-face meetings with key stakeholder groups will be held.

The Social and Economic Benefits and Impacts Study is expected to be completed in mid-2016.

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Option 1 – Fisherman’s Beach

This facility would be located at the southern end of Fisherman’s Beach adjacent to Emu Point. The facility will extend approximately 415 metres from the existing park and is positioned to provide all-tide access and sheltered launching.

This option involves:
• Construction of a new two lane boat ramp, floating walkway facing south-west and small breakwater adjacent to the ramp
• 45 car trailer park spaces
• Approximate area of reclamation is 5,000m²
• Road access off existing car park (road length approximately 236m) adjacent to the existing jetty

Estimated cost $11.4 million

Option 2 – Emu Park

This facility would be located just south of Fisherman’s Beach adjacent to Emu Point, Emu Park. This option is located in naturally deep water between the rocky headlands. A large breakwater is required to provide protection from the prevailing south-easterly winds.

This option involves:
• Construction of a new two lane boat ramp and a floating walkway facing north-east
• Construction of two breakwaters approximately 100m and 150m in length either side of the ramp
• 45 car trailer park spaces
• Parking area reclaimed adjacent to existing car park (approximately reclamation area is 5,200m²)

Estimated cost $8.6 million