



PREMIER OF TASMANIA

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I write in support of the *Flinders Council – Marine Access and Safe Harbour* feasibility study which has recommended the development of a new marina at Lady Barron Slip on Flinders Island.

The study was undertaken in response to a growing need for a reliable and safe all-weather marine facility on the island to provide for the increasing motor boat and yacht tourism market.

The report identified that the proposed development of new marine infrastructure at Lady Barron would increase appeal and sustainability of Flinders Island as a destination. This will provide an opportunity for the Flinders Island economy to strengthen and diversify through tourism.

The report was supported by extensive consultation with stakeholders.

Increasing marine tourism supports the Tasmanian Government's objectives as identified in our T2I – Tasmanian Visitor Economy Strategy by generating demand for travel to Tasmania, growing sea access, investing in quality visitor infrastructure and building capability, capacity and community.

Yours sincerely

Will Hodgman MP
Premier

Michael **FERGUSON** MP

LIBERAL MEMBER FOR BASS



15 December 2017

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

It is my pleasure to give my strong support to the Flinders Council with their application to the Building Better Regions Fund for the construction of a marine Access and Safe Harbour at Lady Barron on Flinders Island.

Having had a look at the proposed project, I feel that the funds, should the Council be successful, would be of great economic benefit for the island. It would provide a number of jobs, new business and assist in the increased production of goods and services in the region.

The social benefits for the region would improve community connections and social inclusion and further connect the community by strengthening local participation in the project.

I am sure that the project would continue to deliver benefits to the area beyond the construction phase.

I would urge favourable consideration of the Council's application as I have no doubt that it would give Lady Barron the boost that it needs to project Flinders Island onwards to building a strong economic future.

Yours sincerely

Michael Ferguson MP
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15 December 2017

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

RE FLINDERS ISLAND COUNCIL – CONSTRUCTION OF MARINE ACCESS & SAFE HARBOUR AT LADY BARRON – BUILDING BETTER REGIONS FUND

I have been briefed by Council's consulting engineer with respect to this project. I have also received a copy of the project outline with respect to the project.

As Federal Member for Bass, the Flinders Island area is within my electorate. There have been some very important developments which have had the effect of facilitating economic growth in tourism and the wider economy on the island over the last 3 – 5 years. The delivery of enhanced telecommunications infrastructure will provide a solid basis for the Flinders Island community to open their extraordinary part of Australia to the world.

The Marine Access and Safe Harbour project provides yet another opportunity for sustainable infrastructure on the island, infrastructure which will provide for significant potential visitation in the recreational boating and sailing market.

I commend Council for its vision in attracting additional tourism to the island, in particular the sort of tourism which will drive jobs and business growth on the island.

I am very happy to provide this letter of support.

Yours sincerely

Ross Hart MP
Member for Bass

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SENATOR DAVID BUSHBY

Chief Government Whip in the Senate
Liberal Senator for Tasmania

SENATOR JONATHON DUNIAM

Liberal Senator for Tasmania

Letter of Support

To whom it may concern,

We write in support of Flinders Council and its application for funding towards the construction of new marine facilities at Lady Barron through the *Building Better Regions Fund*.

Flinders Island is located off Tasmania's North East corner and is the largest island of the Furneaux Group (which consists of 52 islands). The Island thrives off the back of its agricultural industries and growing eco-tourism market.

Aside from being an essential component of Tasmania's unique 'island' brand, Flinders Island is also a critical safe haven for vessels transiting between mainland Australia and Tasmania.

The majority of vessel movements between Tasmania and mainland Australia occur via the Tasmanian East coast. Flinders Island is the only practical location between mainland Australia and Tasmania for a sheltered boat and marine harbour to facilitate safe and improved marine access across Bass Strait.

The large community of commercial and recreational boaters transiting Bass Strait and surrounds has made the proposal of constructing Safe Harbour facilities at Lady Barron Port a priority for some time by Flinders Council.

Aside from developing critical marine safety infrastructure for the region, the Safe Harbour project is also a component of Flinders Island's Destination Action Plan, fulfilling aspects of the municipality's desire to attract further investment, drive economic activity and grow the islands population base - all likely multiplier effects of such a development.

We believe this proposal will greatly benefit Flinders Island's economy and community both now and for future generations, as well as providing vital marine safety infrastructure for the maritime community more broadly.

We therefore wholeheartedly support Flinders Council's application and would welcome a favourable consideration of their application for funding.

Yours sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Senator David Bushby.

Senator David Bushby
Chief Government Whip in the Senate
Liberal Senator for Tasmania

A blue ink signature of Senator Jonathon Duniam.

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13 December 2017

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Dear Bill

**RE: Letter of support – Flinders Island Marine Access & Safe Harbour
Building Better Regions Fund Round 2**

Thank you for making us aware of your intention to seek funding for *Flinders Island Marine Access and Safe Harbour* through the *Building Better Regions Fund*. The project will construct a breakwater, boat ramp, floating pontoon jetty, 50 – 75 berth marina and associated infrastructure and amenities.

We are pleased to endorse your application, and provide this letter of support.

The process by which the RDA Tasmania Committee considers endorsing a project through a letter of support is to assess the project against our Regional Plan.

In regards to your application, you have advised that:

- Lady Barron will become a sheltered harbour and a destination for oceangoing vessels travelling along Tasmania's east coast while also improving the safety and productivity of vessels used commercially or privately in local waters.
- An independent Cost Benefit Analysis by Burbury Consulting in September 2017 identified a Benefit Cost Ratio of 1.72 and over a 20 year period an economic rate of return of 13.86 per cent.
- Flinders Island is one of 60 islands that make up the Furneaux Group. This project will encourage social interactions by helping residents connect with the islands. It will also encourage participation in water sports and recreation.
- Flinders Council has experienced project managers and tradespeople capable of delivering a project of this scale and complexity.



An Australian Government Initiative



The RDA Tasmania Committee has considered your project. From our perspective, the application is aligned to our Regional Plan. The Regional Plan has the following priorities:

- *Expand and grow economic activity in Tasmania*
- *Increase collaboration and efficiencies between federal, state and local government; and between government and the private sector*
- *Improve educational attainment and employability skills*
- *Address the needs of Tasmania's changing demographic profile*

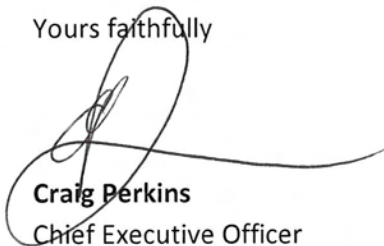
The *Flinders Island Marine Access and Safe Harbour* aligns specifically to the following RDA Tasmania Regional Plan priority:

- *Expand and grow economic activity in Tasmania*

The project turns Flinders Island's remoteness into a comparative advantage by becoming a destination for ocean going yachts and cruising vessels and a strategic safe harbour for commercial and government vessels.

It is for these reasons the RDA Tasmania Committee endorses your application and is pleased to provide this letter of support.

Yours faithfully



Craig Perkins
Chief Executive Officer



An Australian Government Initiative





5 December 2017

Bill Boehm
General Manager
Flinders Council
Via bill.boehm@flinders.tas.gov.au

Dear Bill

Re: Flinders Island Safe Harbour Project for Lady Barron - BBRF Submission

Northern Tasmanian Development Corporation Ltd (NTDC) is an economic development organisation funded by seven (7) councils in the North and North East of Tasmania.

Maritime safety is an ongoing issue for Eastern Australia and Tasmania, and NTDC is aware that Flinders Council has for some time been working on a proposal to construct a 'safe harbour facility' on Flinders Island to allow boats to anchor safely and provide shelter during weather incidents when travelling up and down the East Coast between Tasmania and mainland Australia. The proposed facility will be the only practical location between Tasmania and the Australian Mainland to provide this shelter and also provide a harbor for recreational boats to visit Flinders and replenish supplies.

NTDC has an approved methodology to prioritise council projects to determine their economic value. In addition to providing a maritime safety, the Safe Harbour will deliver benefits to Flinders by becoming a natural stop-over port for recreational boats and fishing trawlers.

NTDC has determined that the project requires at least \$4.8M in capital expenditure and delivers approximately \$10M per year in economic growth. This project has therefore been designated as one of our region's Top Five priorities.

Bill, we hope you are successful in your bid to secure BBRF program funds.

Yours sincerely

Maree Tetlow
CEO



FIAAI

Flinders Island Aboriginal Association Inc

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9th December 2017

Mr Bill Boehm
General Manager
Flinders Council

Dear Bill

RE: Building Better Regions Fund – Lady Barron Safe Harbour

I am writing in full support of the Flinders Council's application for funding for the Safe Harbour project in Lady Barron, Flinders Island

I believe this project meets the BBRF Guidelines and support the Feasibility Study and in particular I wish to address Criterion 1 and 2 from the perspective of Flinders Island Aboriginal Association.

We believe there will be a direct economic benefit to the Island as a whole and Lady Barron in particular with an increase in numbers of boats and length of stay. This will result in an increased demand for good and services. FIAAI is actively involved in tourism and hospitality on the Island with the main goal of creating employment opportunities, especially for our youth and increasing the population as a whole to improve the sustainability of the Island.

FIAAI would anticipate working with Council to create employment, training and work placement opportunities for our community within the Project and would aim for 20% of the project workforce being Indigenous. We have a youth employment officer who would be actively involved and have had recent meetings with the Department of Employment with whom we would explore the range of initiatives available to support young people into work.

On completion of the project we would anticipate a longer tourist "season" for our hospitality and tourism businesses and could envisage an additional 6 employees being required throughout the year.

FIAAI also believes that by being part of the Project from commencement we can support culturally respectful relationships, improve community connectedness and be well placed to identify other complimentary business opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and the community more generally.

FIAAI intends to work with the tourism and business community of Flinders Island to increase awareness of Flinders Island as a destination where Aboriginal culture is strong, vibrant and diverse and to develop, in consultation with our Aboriginal community, sustainable Aboriginal employment through the development of tourism, products and experiences and welcomes this exciting initiative.

Yours sincerely

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7th December 2017

Mr. Bill Boehm,
General Manager,
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Dear Bill,

Re Marine Access & Safe Harbour Facilities

I write on this occasion to support the Council's application for funding under the Building Better Regions Fund.

The growth of sea born "nomads" in recent years has raised the question of sea safety down the eastern sea board and in particular Bass Strait. Due to the location of Flinders Island in eastern Bass Strait it has long been the stopping off point for boats heading south down Tasmania's east coast. It has been the missing link for a safe harbour between Eden (NSW) and Triabunna (East Coast Tasmania) and therefor provides the most practical solution for a sheltered boat and marine harbour to facilitate safe and improved marine access between mainland Australia and Tasmania.


As well as the safety considerations, the development will be of major importance to the economy of Tasmania by attracting more boats to visit the state. The economic benefit to the region and in particular Flinders Island will include the following:

- (a) New business of opportunities e.g. servicing visiting boats
- (b) Increased growth in existing sectors such as tourism and agriculture
- (c) Increased efficiency at existing port facilities.
- (d) Direct benefit to local suppliers.
- (e) Direct impact on the potential to increase property values, and town amenity.

Socially the region will benefit though making it more attractive place to live, improving community connections and social inclusion.

On behalf of FITBI I have pleasure in supporting this important project.

Yours faithfully


Michael Grimshaw
President

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General Manager,
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Dear Bill,

Further to the application for BBR funding for the Flinders Marine Access and Safe Harbour, I attach a letter of support giving some details of the history of the Lady Barron Safe Harbour Group and my experience as a fisherman, charter operator and recreational boatie around the islands.

Good luck with the application.

This project would be a winner for the island.

Regards

Chris Fenner

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Six or seven years ago a number of locals formed a “Lady Barron Safe Harbour Group”, and on behalf of that group I sent out letters to various yacht and cruising clubs asking for letters of support for the project. I have enclosed a copy of the letter sent out together with a sample of the replies for your information.

The group was initially formed to encourage boats to visit the island and be able to safely leave their boats and contribute to the economy of the island, something that is not possible at the moment due to the lack of safe mooring facilities at the port. It is a poor choice to leave your vessel unattended at the wharf during most weather conditions, and at times of even moderate wind it is dangerous to attempt to access the shore from a mooring in a small dinghy.

Flinders relies heavily on grants and subsidies, and with the current and future, Federal and State, budgetary pressures we saw this as an opportunity for the island to contribute to the local economy, hopefully to be a little less reliant on some of those grants and subsidies.

In Australia, the last few years have seen a significant increase in boating traffic of all types. The affluence of the Australian society, our weather and the “romance” of “heading off to sea” has encouraged more and more people to invest in a boat.

Added to this is the advent of GPS and plotters which has enabled the most inexperienced boatie to navigate like a professional. This has meant that boaties are using their boats more often and travelling further.

Tasmania regularly sees boats from Victoria, NSW and Queensland, as well as visiting yachts from overseas.

Due to the unfavourable weather conditions, and the lack of harbours along the Tasmanian West coast, the majority of vessel movements from the mainland to Tasmania is via the East coast. Currently vessels tend to avoid Flinders Island due to the lack of facilities, even though this involves an additional sailing of 70 or 80 miles to a mainland Tasmania port.

The vessels that do visit and have favourable weather enjoy their stay and are very complimentary about the island and cruising grounds.

The port of Lady Barron is the only port between St Helens, a difficult port to enter in inclement weather due to a bar crossing, in mainland Tasmania and Port Welshpool in Victoria, a distance of almost 200 nautical miles. Current facilities at Lady Barron port are such that vessels are not safe at the wharf in even moderate weather conditions. This presents an issue of safety for vessels travelling between mainland Australia and Tasmania.

Lady Barron has a slipway that is suitable for most visiting vessels and is currently underutilised.

The Furneaux Group is a great cruising ground that has been avoided in the past due to the lack of facilities at Lady Barron and the, sometimes, difficult navigation in the area. Again, with the advent of GPS and plotters navigation has been made much easier allowing amateur boaties to access these areas with confidence. The great fishing, bird life and scenery around the more than 50 islands in the group, with a safe harbour at Lady Barron, will enable more visitors to enjoy the area.

Safety at sea is foremost in the minds of those who undertake coastal cruising and with such a vast distance between mainland Australia and mainland Tasmania, a safe harbour approximately half way is a responsibility of Government that should be recognised.

I grew up on Flinders Island, my Father a fisherman, and spent much of my early years on the water. After some years in the business world I fished commercially for a number of years around Flinders and moved here in the early 2000s, where my wife and I operated a charter business, ultimately building a home here in 2008.

The only boat I currently own is a 5m tinnie and have no plans for a larger one. The only interest I have in this is the economic benefit for the island and safety for visiting boaties.

Chris Fenner

**Lady Barron Safe Harbour Group
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Jan 2011

We are a small group working towards the construction of a breakwater to provide a sheltered, safe, all weather harbor for the port of Lady Barron on Flinders Island in Bass Strait.

Our intention is to gain support from potential users and emergency services to further our cause.

Lady Barron is a land locked, relatively deep water harbor, although the approaches from the East can be dangerous in some weather conditions.

The current harbor facilities offer secure moorings, but are unsuitable for small craft (10/20m) during the normal weather patterns of strong South Westerly, Southerly and South Easterly winds. Amenities for visiting pleasure craft are almost non existent.

The port has a slipway which services craft up to 20m and is the only slipway between St Helens on the East coast of mainland Tasmania, 80 miles to the South and Welshpool in Victoria, 150 miles to the North.

The port has also been a haven for sailors in the Sydney Hobart yacht race when breakdowns have occurred , and has been a regular port of call for yachts on their way home after the race as well as a much visited port for cruising yachts and power boats.

We would ask that your organisation send a letter of support outlining your need for a safe harbor and facilities at Lady Barron.

This letter of support would be used in funding applications to local, State and Federal Governments.

We attach a letter from Flinders Council giving their support and commitment for the project.

Upon receipt of letters of support from Government Departments, race organisers, recreational boating organisations and other users we will commence on the design phase, including all the appropriate studies and approvals.

The working group consists of five local residents, all who have some interest and experience in the area of either commercial or recreational boating or design. The group is Chris Fenner, Shane Walsh, Andrew Thomson, David Williams and James Luddington. Should you wish to know further information on any member of the group please email.

Please give this letter your serious consideration as the greater the support the greater our chance of securing funding for all stages of the project.

After receiving your letter of support we will ensure you are kept up to date with the progress of the project.

Please direct your letter by mail to: C Fenner, C/- P.O , Lady Barron, Tas 7255, or email to clfenner@bigpond.com

You can also phone Chris Fenner on 0437516118.

Thanks for your time and we look forward to your letter of support.

Regards

Chris Fenner



CRUISING YACHT CLUB OF AUSTRALIA

4 February 2011

Home of the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race

Mr Chris Fenner
Lady Barron Safe Harbour Group
C/- Post Office
Lady Barron TAS 7255

Dear Chris,

In reference to your correspondence dated 23 January 2011 regarding your attempt to gain support to construct a breakwater for the port of Lady Barron on Flinders Island, the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia would support such efforts for the following reasons;

- CYCA is the organising Authority of the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race. Over the years many of our competitors and those on delivery passages after the race have had reason to seek shelter on Flinders Island. Having a port that can reliably provide a safe, all weather facility would be most beneficial.
- Many of our members cruise down to Hobart for the wooden boat festival and the Van Dieman's land circumnavigation organized by the Royal Yacht Club of Australia. For the same reasons mentioned above, those cruising to/from Tasmania would benefit greatly from such a facility.
- Some of our members who have visited the port of Lady Barron on Flinders Island in the past have commented the facilities at the port are less than ideal for cruisers that wish to avail themselves of the attractions of the island.
- Mooring facilities are such that crews cannot leave their boats with confidence to take in the sights of the island and also are not prepared to risk dinghy travel to their boats after dark if the boats are on swing moorings, and any dinghy travel is dangerous in anything but fine weather.

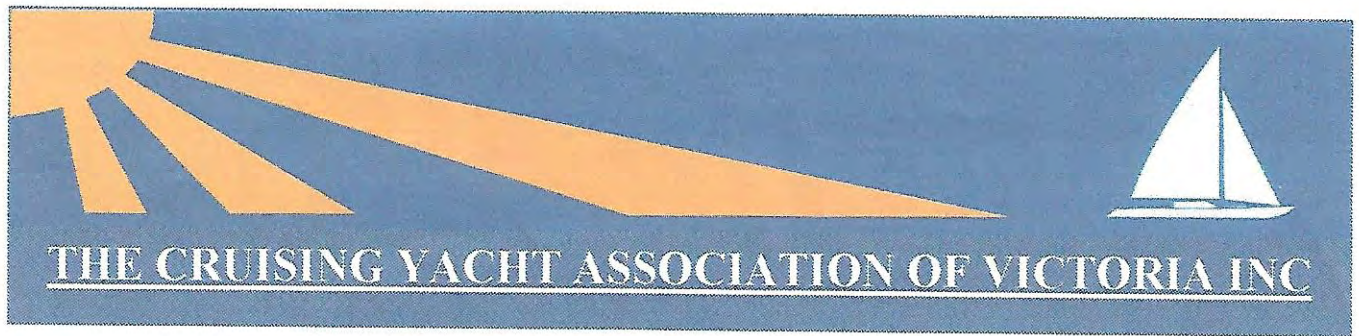
We would be confident that should there be a safe all weather harbour at Lady Barron, with basic facilities such as showers, toilets and a laundry, there would be a marked increase in the number of cruising boats visiting the area.

When this project is completed we would be prepared to promote these increased facilities to our members.

We fully support the efforts to provide a safe, all weather harbour, and would appreciate being kept up to date on your progress.

Yours sincerely,

MARK WOOLF
Chief Executive Officer



17th February 2011

Lady Barron Safe Harbour Group

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Attention: Chris Fenner

Dear Sir,

Re: PROPOSED HARBOUR FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS ON FLINDERS ISLAND

The Cruising Yacht Association of Victoria has a membership of over 100 yachting enthusiasts. Being Melbourne-based, many of our members regularly cruise the waters of Bass Strait and visit the islands, including Flinders Island.

We have recently become aware of your plans to make much needed improvements to the mooring and harbour facilities at the southern port town of Lady Barron. We are greatly encouraged by this proposal, as safe harbour facilities in Bass Strait ports will considerably enhance the pleasure, comfort and safety for the increasing boating and yachting traffic in the region.

You have our full support in this endeavour and will be happy to provide any further supporting information that you may require as you approach the task of approvals and funding.

Yours faithfully,

Signed for and behalf of the members of the Cruising Yacht Association of Victoria Inc.

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5 March 2011

Mr. Chris Fenner
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Dear Chris

RE: Safe Harbour at Lady Barron, Flinders Island

Thank you for your letter dated 23 January 2011. I apologise for my tardy response over what has been a very busy racing and boating period at the CYCSA.

Our Commodore, Mr. Geoff Catt and I thank you for the information that you have forwarded to us relating to the current situation and also the proposal and the need to create a suitable all weather harbour at Lady Barron, Flinders Island.

The CYCSA has a number of racing and cruising vessels that annually sail in the waters around Flinders Island. We would certainly support the establishment of a safe harbour in this area for our members.

We wish you every success with your initiative.

Yours sincerely

Craig Evans
Executive Officer, CYCSA

Royal Victorian Motor Yacht Club Inc

Established 1904



February 24, 2011.

Mr. C Fenner,
C/o Post Office,
Lady Baron Tasmania 7255

Dear Chris,

Re: Lady Baron Safe Harbour

The Royal Victorian Motor Yacht Club is most happy to hear of your proposal, and support your group in developing a safe harbour at Lady Baron, Flinders Island.

Over the years, many Club boats have motored across Bass Strait, either heading for Tasmania or returning as private pleasure cruisers or boat deliveries. Without exception all skippers have commented that they would not like to be "out there" in the event of bad weather or other misadventure. They would travel more confidently in the knowledge that a safe refuge is available. The number of boats that call in to Lady Baron as a way point will considerably increase, leading to improved tourism and economic activity, as well as developing personal relationships with the good folk of Flinders Island.

From all points of view, your project has the full support of this Club, and the numerous skippers undertaking the journey. We wish you well in your endeavours, and look forward to hearing of your success.

Regards,

Mark Freudenstein,

Honorary Secretary.

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4 March 2011

Lady Barron Safe Harbour Group

C/ Post Office

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Royal Brighton Yacht Club wishes to offer your working group our full support in your endeavours for the construction of a breakwater to provide a sheltered, safe, all weather harbour for the port of Lady Barron on Flinders Island in Bass Strait.

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Apart from a regular number of our Club boats racing in official ORCV events within or across the confines of Bass Strait we also have a fleet of cruising boats. The more active members of this group are involved in a Bass Strait cruise in company in March every year. This activity would attract about ten boats. They have had occasion in the past to seek the limited shelter currently available at Lady Barron to escape hazardous conditions at sea. Other members of the RBYC Cruising Group regularly take off independently to cruise coastal areas of Bass Strait. All of these crews would naturally be keen to have a selection of all-weather safe harbours around the perimeter of Bass Strait.

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Cruising crews tend to venture offshore only when the weather is settled but are sometimes 'caught out' by unexpected changes. These crews will often be a family and may even have children on board. It is obviously better to provide a safe harbour in these circumstances than to be obliged to mount a rescue mission in storm conditions.

Establishment of safe harbours not only benefits recreational boat users but also serves as an attraction enticing them to visit towns with these facilities even when not in danger. Such visitors are likely to purchase fuel, food and services such as repairs. If there are points of interest in the locality they may be tempted to do some touring. These activities can produce additional revenue for the local community.



In overview the Flag Officers, General Committee and members of Royal Brighton Yacht Club strongly support your initiative.

Kind regards,

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**REFERENCE Flinders Council Marine Access & Safe Harbour Facilities at Lady Barron
Building Better Regions Fund**

We are a Luxury Yacht Management Company who specializes in Private Luxury Motor Yachts who are either owned by Australian's and based in Australia and the South Pacific, and also foreign owned vessels that are cruising through Australia and the South Pacific Region.

Our clients are people with a high net worth, who own luxury motor yachts of a ranging up to 160ft. Many of these clients have already cruised the area of Tasmania and have briefly stopped off at Flinders Island.

Some of our vessels have completely bypassed Flinders Island because of the lack of suitable facility to stop over in safety and comfort.

When our vessels visit any location they inject quite a substantial amount to the local economy such as large quantities of fuel bunkering, provisioning, restaurants, and travel & accommodation. Further they enjoy the local culture and tourist attractions, as well all local water activities. Our vessels require support where ever they travel. These vessels hold and use large quantities of fuel. It is not uncommon to bunker amounts of 20,000 litres or more. Some of our vessels yearly budgets are up to \$2,000,000 per year, and employ multiple crew.

Further, some of our vessel also charter to high net worth individuals. The daily spend on these charters can be between \$10,000 and \$20,000 per day, and these people are also looking for a no expense spared experience, to new locations.

The proposed facility at Flinders Island, Lady Baron will provide to the luxury yacht industry another amazing location where vessel can remain for quite some time, dock in a safe harbour, and further provide a location for provisioning and bunkering. This new safe harbour will benefit the entire small craft market, along with the luxury superyacht industry.

This facility couldn't come soon enough, and we look forward to recommending Flinders Island to our clients in the future.

Kind Regards,

Tim Fernance

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Southport Yacht Club Inc.

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06 December 2017

Bill Boehm,
General Manager, Flinders Council

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Dear Bill,

Southport Yacht Club Inc. would like to express our support in relation to the proposal to build a safe harbour, break wall, refuelling station and marina on Flinders Island, thereby creating a much needed harbour with marina able to accommodate yachts, power boats, small and large vessels alike.

As many of our members are regular visitors to the area, we feel this will be of immense benefit in encouraging more vessels to travel along the coastline, then onto Tasmania, with these facilities available.

The Board, Management and Boating community of Southport Yacht Club Inc. all hope to see a positive outcome to this grant so that the facility can be created for the benefit to not only the local community, but for all those wishing to visit this beautiful location for many years to come.

Kind regards

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