

Community Survey – Safe Harbour Project

Please read both statements before you answer the Question by ticking Yes or No

Statement 1 Potential Benefits of the Project

- A safe refuge for local and interstate vessels
- Improved access to the Islands by the sea-faring public
- Employment for local people during the construction stage
- Long term economic benefit, if there is future investment: such as in a marina, cafes, car hire, marine retail etc.

Statement 2 Potential Risks to Council

- If the building of the structure over-runs the budget
- If ongoing maintenance and depreciation are greater than the money set aside for that purpose
- If any associated structures have operating costs
- If insurance costs are excessive

Question:

Given the statements that indicate the potential benefits and risks, do you support the construction of a council-owned breakwater (and additional associated structures if money allows) at Lady Barron.

Please mark 1 box only **YES** or **NO**

Place this paper in the envelope provided; sign the envelope where indicated; and return it to Flinders Council by 12.00pm Wednesday, 24th June, by:

- *Post (no stamp required);*
- *Hand delivery (to Council Office); or*
- *Placing in the locked box in Lady Barron Store or Bowman's Shop.*

Only votes with a mark in one box and returned in the signed envelope provided will be counted.

Thank You

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BACKGROUND TO THE FLINDERS ISLAND MARINE ACCESS AND SAFE HARBOUR PROJECT

- The Flinders Island Marine Access and Safe Harbour Project (FIMASH Project) was first scoped in 2017 to include a Breakwater, Marina and Boat Ramp, to be located at Lady Barron.
- The FIMASH Project became a Flinders Council Priority Project in 2017.
- Prior to the 2019 Federal Election, the Federal Government offered \$4.8 million to Flinders Council for the FIMASH Project.
- In the same week, the Federal Government offered \$1.8 million for the Flinders Island Airport Runway Upgrade. **This amount was a 50% government contribution towards the total cost of \$3.6 million.**

COUNCIL REVIEWED ITS FINANCIAL SITUATION IN 2019

The following became clear:

- Council could not afford the Airport Runway Upgrade unless it was fully funded - \$3.6 million.
- The Airport Runway Upgrade was an accepted priority.
- The amount offered for the FIMASH Project was not enough to build the original concept, and Council could not afford the additional cost.
- Council believed that a first stage of the FIMASH Project could be achieved for less funds, thereby freeing up funds to fully fund the Airport Runway Upgrade.
- Further stages of the original FIMASH Project could be undertaken in the future by private investment.

COUNCIL APPLIED FOR MODIFIED FUNDING

- In November 2019, Council requested that federal government adjust the grants as follows:
 - \$3.6 million for the Airport Runway Upgrade – therefore 100% funded.
 - \$3 million for a stage one Project, consisting of a breakwater, with associated structures if affordable, within the \$3 million.
- In January 2020, the Federal Government **committed \$3 million to Council to enable a stage one Project.**
- **To access this funding, Council must make formal application, showing community consultation and support.**
- To this end, this survey is being conducted in order to gauge community support for a stage one Safe Harbour Project.

Please read the two statements over the page and then answer Yes or No to the Question