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MFV Tacoma Plan Approved

At last night's Port Lincoln Council DAP meeting, the Tacoma Preservation Society's (TPS) application to build a pontoon structure within the Lincoln Cove Marina was approved.

"It's taken a lot of effort and input from a number of people, organisations and government departments and we are delighted that the Council's planning committee has given our community focussed development application a tick. The next stage of this long running process is to acquire a suitable lease of water to allow the proposed development to go ahead," TPS's Fred Houweling said.

That decision is in the hands of the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) Minister Steven Mulligan. He and his department will allocate appropriate public water that would allow the approved pontoon structure to be built.

The TPS has been working closely with various government departments and key stakeholders including the Port Lincoln Council. The TPS is hopeful Minister Mulligan will provide the opportunity for the society to build this important public asset for the Port Lincoln community.

An independent report and further consultation with the marine section of the DPTI addressed concerns raised by the Port Lincoln Council's Development Planning Panel prior to the meeting on Monday night.

At the June Council DAP meeting, two committee members expressed concerns relating to vessel safety in the area adjacent to the MFV Tacoma's proposed location. The TPS was asked to address these concerns.

An extensive review of the users of the Lincoln Cove Marina boat ramp resulted in an independent DPTI report which satisfactorily confirmed the design standards and various safety issues related to vessels using the boat ramp, including the 12.4 1222 Dragon Boats. The report noted that vessels of this size could be navigated safely and concluded that:

'...taking these factors into account, we are of the view that it will be possible to ensure safe operations of vessels up to and including the size of Dragon Boats and the type of small craft that currently regularly use this slipway, without modification to the plans as they have been presented to us.'

“The proposed location of the MFV Tacoma adjacent to the Lincoln Cove Marina boat ramp may indeed have the beneficial effect of creating a lee for shoal draft vessels to exploit, which would allow safer ingress and egress to the area,” TPS’s Fred Houweling said.

With the DAP planning approved, the TPS is hopeful no additional obstacles are encountered in the Society’s endeavours to achieve its long-term goal of a suitable berth for the MFV Tacoma.

“The TPS is also hopeful that its initial idea of a community facility, servicing all participants of the marine sector including charter vessels, the recreational and smaller craft users in the area can be realised with greater cooperation between the various interests involved,” TPS’s Fred Houweling said.

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