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Dear David

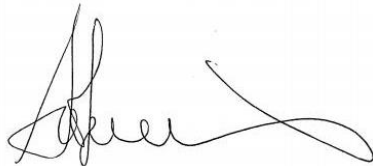
ESPERANCE BAY MARINA

Thank you for your recent briefing on the yacht club's plans to upgrade the Esperance Bay Marina. The club and the marina make an important contribution to the Esperance community and the Southern Port Authority is very supportive of this upgrade project within the port.

The Port of Esperance is a significant port in the WA and local economy and the safe movement of shipping co-exists with recreational boating activities, and this is enhanced by the contribution from the marina facilities and the good working relationship with the yacht club and its members.

We applaud the work of the club to secure the necessary funding to make the upgrade of the Esperance Bay Marina a reality and a great intergenerational asset to the Esperance community, and wish you every success in your endeavours.

Yours sincerely



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17 February 2021



Building Better Regions Fund Round Five
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Attention: Program Manager

**Letter of Support Relating to Esperance Bay Yacht Club Expansion Project
Building Better Regions Fund Round Five**

Southern Ports Authority (**Southern Ports**) understands that the Esperance Bay Yacht Club (**Club**) is soon to submit a business case to the Federal Building Better Regions Fund Round 5 (**BBRF**), seeking funding for the Club's proposed marina expansion project. We further understand that the business case will be seeking approximately \$2.05M from the BBRF.

Southern Ports is supportive of the Club's BBRF application. Southern Ports is of the view that the Club's project, as per the existing preliminary design, would greatly improve the ability of the Club to meet the recreational yachting demands of the region and improve the public amenity of this area of the Esperance Port.

The Club has been tenant of Southern Ports for around 30 years and Southern Ports and the Club are in live discussions presently in relation to the renewal and extension of the Club's lease and lease area (currently envisage to be for a term of 10 + 10 years).

As such, Southern Ports would welcome the extension of the marina and is happy to provide its support to the Club's funding application.

Southern Ports' support for the BBRF application has the following important qualifications:

- a) receipt by Southern Ports of the final marina extension design and engineering drawings, which will then need to be approved by Southern Ports; and
- b) agreement, approval and execution of a binding lease/licence between the Club and Southern Ports (noting that this will include the approval of the Minister for Ports).

We look forward to receiving confirmation of the Club's successful BBRF application in due course.

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Department of **Transport**
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Your ref:

Our ref:

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Commodore David Swan
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Dear David

I refer for your letter dated 3 February 2021 seeking a letter of support from Department of Transport (DoT) in relation to your proposed redevelopment of boat pens at your facility.

Following DoT Maritime's preliminary review of Drawing No. D1799-01-01rev0 from M P Rogers and Associates, I wish to inform you of our in-principle support for your proposal subject to the final design being in accordance with AS3962.

If you have any queries in relation to this matter, please contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely

Larry Adams
Manager Infrastructure Planning

22 February 2021

9 February 2021

David Swan
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Dear Mr Swan

ESPERANCE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY SUPPORTS THE ESPERANCE BAY YACHT CLUB TO REDEVELOP THE ESPERANCE BAY MARINA

Esperance Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ECCI) strongly supports Esperance Bay Yacht Club (EBYC) funding proposal to redevelop the Esperance Bay Marina.

The Opportunity

The Esperance Bay Yacht Club is looking to submit a proposal to the Federal Building Better Regions Funds to remove the existing 34 pens and replace them with a modern floating 52 pen. The recreational boating industry in Esperance has been held back as both the Esperance Bay Marina and the Department of Transport's Recreational pens at Bandy Creek have been at full capacity for years.

Public access will continue to the breakwater for fishing, recreation and tourism and a pen will be built for cruise ship tender access which will also be available to emergency services. The EBYC has the strong support of the Esperance Shire Council and the Southern Ports Authority to build this important inter-generational asset.

Stakeholder Support

The social benefits include support and promotion of the boating and fishing community, the tourism industry and improved access for emergency services. More people will have access to the ocean amenity and our stunning Recherche Archipelago.

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposal. The Esperance Chamber of Commerce and Industry strongly supports this initiative, and I would welcome an opportunity to discuss our support for this project further. I can be contacted on 08) 9071 5142 or by email to eo@esperancecci.com.au.

Regards



Bronwyn McLeod
Executive Officer
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Dear David

LETTER OF SUPPORT – ESPERANCE MARINA REDEVELOPMENT

Australia's Golden Outback is the peak Regional Tourism Organisation with the key objective of marketing a region that covers 54% of Western Australia, to intrastate, interstate and international visitors, including the Esperance-Goldfields region.

Australia's Golden Outback is a vast and surprisingly diverse region. The natural landscape is a dazzling display of vast outback plains, prolific wildflowers, huge deserts and salt lakes, rugged rocky outcrops, wild woodlands and home to the whitest beaches in Australia.

The majority of visitors are drawn to Esperance to experience its natural attractions, famous white beaches, Lake Hiller's pink lake and spectacular coastal scenery.

It is my pleasure to write this letter of support for the Esperance Bay Yacht Club application for funding support for the Esperance Marina Development. While the Esperance Bay Yacht Club built the rock wall, the jetty, and pens some 40 years ago, the existing pens require replacement to house more locally owned vessels, both private and commercial.

The EBYC is seeking Federal Building Better Regions Funds to remove the existing 34 pens and replace them with a modern floating 52 pen marina. Public access to the breakwater for fishing, recreation and tourism will continue unimpeded. In past years Esperance is growing in popularity as a cruise ship stopover, as such, it is planned to also include a pen specifically for cruise ship tender access that will also be available to emergency services.

Economic modelling studies have been completed which predict nearly \$5 million will be injected into the local economy with the creation of seven new positions during the construction phase. Post-construction, this project will stimulate approximately \$21.75 million into the local economy over the 50 year life span of the marina.

The social benefits include the support and promotion of boating and fishing in the community, increased tourism, and improved access to emergency services, resulting in even more visitors having access to our stunning Recherche Archipelago.

We see this infrastructure project as creating an important intergenerational asset for the broader Esperance Goldfields Community

Australia's Golden Outback supports any initiative that improves tourist attractions that has the potential to drive extra visitors into the region, and I take this opportunity to wish the Esperance Bay Yacht Club every success with grant funding.

Yours sincerely

MARCUS FALCONER
Chief Executive Officer

Our Ref: E21/5530 and D21/2527
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Dear Mr and Mrs Swan

On behalf of Tourism Western Australia (Tourism WA), I am pleased to support the Esperance Bay Yacht Club (EBYC) funding application to the Building Better Regions Fund (BBRF) for the redevelopment of Esperance Bay Marina.

Esperance is a key tourism location within the Australia's Golden Outback tourism region, providing an ideal base for the exploration of national parks, stunning beaches and natural wonders, including the iconic Cape Le Grand National Park and Lucky Bay beach as well as the expansive Archipelago of Recherche.

The existing marina within the Esperance town site is an ageing facility with limitations for accommodating demand and is suffering from infrastructure decay. A new purpose-built, floating marina will better accommodate the town and the broader region's boating requirements with an increased capacity and will provide pens that better meet the needs of modern craft.

The proposed new marina presents a range of benefits for tourism in Esperance. Significantly, plans include provision for accommodating 40-foot tender vessels from visiting cruise ships. This will greatly improve safety and viability for the transfer of guests between ship and shore over existing arrangements. It will also improve the attraction of Esperance for cruise ships and provide flow on benefits to all local enterprises positioned to service the cruise sector. This is consistent with Tourism WA's intent to reset cruise tourism to assist the return of the cruise sector post COVID-19.

The EBYC's proposal makes provision for passing recreational boaters, as well as emergency services, and has the capacity to improve the attraction of Esperance as a holiday destination.

Please feel free to use this letter to support your application for funding. However, please note that while Tourism WA is supportive of your application for funding, this letter does not commit any financial assistance from this agency towards the proposal.

I wish the EBYC well in its application for funding.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Derryn Belford".

DERRYN BELFORD
A/Managing Director

11 February 2021



15 Feb 2021

Mr. David Swann
Commodore
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Dear David,

We refer to your efforts to obtain funding for the redevelopment of the Esperance Bay Marina.

As a tourism operator who utilizes the current facilities, we agree that replacing and expanding the marina would have significant benefits for the public, local tourism industries and the local economy in general. We would like to express our complete support to what we consider to be a very worthwhile project.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if we can be of assistance in any way.

Yours sincerely,



L.J. Andrews
Director
L&P Nominees Pty Ltd



As a local marine tourism business operator and person living with a high-level disability and mobility issue, the prospect of a floating marina allowing far better access for not only me but all people with limited mobility is cause for great excitement. Not only will it give ALL Esperance locals and visitors far greater access to the marine environment, but it will be huge for people with mobility issues like myself. Missing out on annual events like Australia Day raft-ups would be a thing of the past. Currently the only way I can get out on a smaller vessel is when multiple people are available to lift me. A floating jetty would mean my wife, son and I can spend time out on the water together without requiring all the additional assistance.

Visiting other towns and cities such as Albany, Perth etc and seeing the facilities they have opened up my eyes to how beneficial a high-quality floating marina can.

Esperance's two marinas are currently at capacity and both have a long waiting list. A new marina with greater capacity would not only encourage local investment in vessels, injecting money into our economy. It would also be a large draw card for people choosing a new destination to call home. If someone loves the ocean and boating and is looking to move to a new town, why would they come here if they have nowhere to moor their vessel?

From a business standpoint, we need a safer platform to get our limited mobility passengers on and off the boat.

Cruise ships are a great example of this. Although currently, not many are visiting Esperance. Once the world goes back to a level of normality post COVID. We will start to see them joining us on a regular basis. A large number of the cruise ship passengers that wish to join boat tours are those with limited mobility as they choose tours that have the least amount of walking involved. Currently getting them on and off of a vessel is extremely difficult in Esperance due to the tide fluctuations and no access to a floating jetty.

Esperance is reviewed as one of the most popular locations along the Western Australian coast with cruise ship passengers. It would be incredible if we had a marina to bolster this impression.

I truly believe Esperance to be growing rapidly in popularity with intrastate, interstate and international travellers. Our magical coastline and beaches are no longer a secret, which is fantastic. Our community needs every bit of tourism money that can be injected into the community.

A new marina would help support the small businesses like mine offer these tourists better access to our beautiful coastline when they do visit.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter of support. I hope you will please grant our incredible community and countless ocean users this funding so we can have a brand-new marina fit for such a beautiful town.

Sincerely



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Dear David

We are writing this letter to the Esperance Bay Yacht Club to express our whole hearted support to build a floating marina to replace the existing fixed marina which is in a very bad deteriorating condition and definitely needs replacing.

We are long standing yacht club members and have had a yacht in the marina for the past 14 years. We are getting older (now over 70 years of age) and are finding it more and more difficult to get on and off our yacht, especially at high and low tides. Adele, as one of the few female sailors in the club would definitely be able to keep sailing for many more years with the installation of a floating marina. It would be a sad day that she couldn't go sailing because she couldn't get onto the yacht. Also it is a challenge for short people and children to be able to stretch the gap between the current marina and yacht and this would also be eliminated with a floating marina. We think to encourage older people and more females into the sport, a floating marina would be a great advantage.

Also a new floating marina would make it easier to load on and unload off from the side of the yachts instead of from the front.

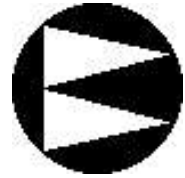
Once again we voice our full support in the club's endeavours to obtain funding for the building of a floating marina at the Esperance Bay Yacht Club, and feel certain it would be a huge benefit to the whole town.

Yours faithfully

JA & FA D'EMDEN



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24th February 2021

Dear Commodore Swan

I write on behalf of the National 125 Western Australian Association in strong support of Esperance Bay Yacht Club and its proposed Marina redevelopment and extension.

As a regular visitor to Esperance, and in my professional capacity in the Marine Industry, I am acutely aware of the importance infrastructure plays in the attraction of visitors and winning of major events. An extension of available pens to recreational and commercial users would undoubtedly enhance the sailing scene as well as the viability of commercial operations within the area and town precinct.

Esperance is already a wonderful place to visit and the modernisation or addition of new developments can only enhance its reputation as a destination of choice for all boat owners as well as competitive sailors alike.

If I can provide any further input or support in either a professional or experiential capacity, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards
Andrew Tailor
National 125 WA Association President (Life Member)