

8 April 2020

The Honourable Steven Marshall MP
Premier of South Australia
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By email: premier@sa.gov.au

Dear Premier

COVID-19 – Boat Ramps and Jetties

Our Community is deeply concerned with the current global health crisis South Australia and the world is facing.

We have embraced the measures advised by you and the federal Government and the Yorke Peninsula has, to date, only recorded a small amount COVID-19 positive cases. We have taken your message further by closing our caravan parks and bush camping (except for essential travellers) as well as playgrounds and outside fitness equipment. Some private accommodation companies have voluntarily closed due to COVID-19 and public safety.

The Yorke Peninsula is proudly a tourism destination and welcomes thousands of tourists to our region each year. A large proportion of our tourists own holiday homes on the Yorke Peninsula and spend their holidays in their second-home, surrounded by family and friends. Normally during the Easter and school holiday period our beaches are teeming with people, swimming, fishing and making life memories.

We appreciate the 'Stay at home' message is a good start, but believe a stronger message needs to be sent to discourage people from visiting our region at this time.

Yorke Peninsula has a significantly aged community. Our hospital and emergency medical retrieval resources is very limited. Our SAAS/CFS/SES/medical resources are also limited, and our Sea Rescue capability average age is over 70 - the age demographic advised to *stay at home and avoid contact with others*.

To support your 'Stay at Home' message, we urge you to temporarily close the jetties and boat ramps (except for emergency services and commercially registered boats) for Easter and the current school holiday period across the rural areas of our State, sending a direct message to all that now is not the time to visit our country regions for recreational purposes. The closure of our boat ramps and jetties to all non-essential users would discourage non-essential travel to coastal regions such as ours.

This request has the full support of the Elected Body of the Yorke Peninsula Council.

Yours sincerely



Darren Braund
MAYOR

cc: Fraser Ellis MP