



**PUBLIC CONSULTATION REPORT**  
**PROPOSAL TO RESTRICT THE USE OF THE PORT VINCENT FORESHORE BOAT RAMP**



**23 November 2015**

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**Yorke Peninsula Council**

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#### **Reason for Consultation**

Council recognises that community engagement plays an important role in its decision making process. The views of the community will be taken into consideration, during the decision making process.

#### **The Proposal**

In consultation with the Port Vincent Sailing Club (PVSC), Council is considering restricting the public from launching boats with a motor vehicle, from the Port Vincent Foreshore Boat Ramp.

The foreshore boat ramp is located adjacent to the Sailing Club, which is also co-tenanted by the Port Vincent Aquatics Club (PVAC). The foreshore area, adjacent to the ramp, is a very popular beach and is also used for activities undertaken by the Sailing and Aquatics Clubs.

Both clubs believe that the launching of boats with motor vehicles significantly increases the likelihood of a catastrophic incident occurring, amongst those people using the foreshore area, for recreational purposes. The proposal to restrict the use of the foreshore boat ramp will significantly reduce the likelihood of such an event occurring.

The entry to the foreshore boat ramp will be controlled in such a way that people can still enter the foreshore area via the ramp. Access to the boat ramp, will also be available to any vessel that can be launched by hand without a motor vehicle.

#### **Background and Benefit to the Community.**

The foreshore boat ramp adjacent to the Sailing Club on Marine Parade, Port Vincent, has for many years been used by PVSC, their co-tenant PVAC and the general public, without restriction.

This ramp has also been used for many years by people, using motor vehicles to launch their larger boats. Although there is another public launching facility within the township, the Marina Boat Ramp, some people find it difficult to launch their boats there. The holiday makers staying in the adjacent Port Vincent Foreshore Caravan Park find the foreshore boat ramp very convenient to launch their boats.

The foreshore area in the vicinity of the boat ramp is extremely popular with beach goers, fisherman and those taking part in the activities organised by PVSC and PVAC. The area adjacent to the boat ramp has an excellent sandy beach, which makes the area popular. There is also a children's playground adjacent to the boat ramp.

The use of the foreshore boat ramp has been a contentious issue since the opening of the new Marina boat ramp in 2004. In November 2008 Council initiated investigations with PVSC and Port Vincent Progress Association Inc., regarding the closing of the boat ramp to the general public. After public consultation on the restricted use of the boat ramp, Council

carried a resolution at the 10<sup>th</sup> February 2009 meeting, that no further action be taken at that time.

As part of the consultation process, Council would complete a risk assessment in relation to the boat ramp and surrounding activities, to verify the issues raised by PVSC.

Members of the public, using their motor vehicles to retrieve and launch their boats, create additional risk to the public undertaking other activities in the area. By not allowing the general public to launch their boats with motor vehicles, this may significantly increase the safety of those people using the foreshore area.

The PVSC support a proposal to restrict motor vehicle access to activities associated with PVSC and PVAC. Access to the boat ramp however, would allow any person, who has a canoe or small boat, to enter the ramp and launch their equipment, by hand.

### **The Location**

Please refer to Location Plan below



The Port Vincent Foreshore Boat ramp is located at the eastern end of Marine Parade, Port Vincent and runs adjacent to the Port Vincent Sailing Club.

The boat ramp is contained within Part Allotment 71, PLN 24058, Crown Record: Volume 5753 Folio 177.

## **Consultation Process**

The public consultation is the first step in the process to give consideration to restricting the use of the Port Vincent Foreshore Boat Ramp.

The public consultation process entails advertising a notice in the YP Country Times and on Council's website on 18 November 2015. This information report will be made available at Council Offices, Council's website, the Port Vincent Caravan Park and the Port Vincent Progress Association Town Office, at the Port Vincent Institute.

A public notice, advising of the proposal, will be posted to property owners in the vicinity of the Port Vincent Foreshore Boat Ramp.

All submissions made in response to this public consultation process will be given consideration, prior to a decision being made.

Written submissions are to be received no later than

**5.00pm on Wednesday 27 January, 2016**

and should be addressed to:

Port Vincent Foreshore Boat Ramp

Yorke Peninsula Council

PO Box 57

Maitland SA 5573

Email submissions to: [admin@yorke.sa.gov.au](mailto:admin@yorke.sa.gov.au)

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