



PUBLIC CONSULTATION REPORT

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



23 November 2015

(Revised)

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 10th 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

All questions regarding the consultation process can be directed to:

Phil Herrmann

Senior Compliance Officer

Phone: (08) 883.20000

Andrew Cameron

Chief Executive Officer



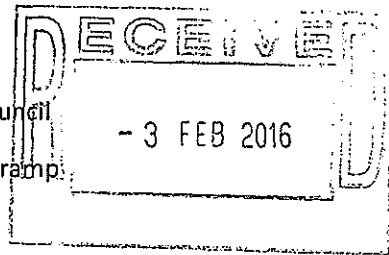
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Yorke Peninsula Council

Closing of the boat ramp

Dear Councillors



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As a resident, ratepayer & past councillor I wish to lodge my objections to the proposed closing of the boat ramp in Port Vincent.

The boat ramp now must be safer now than 15 years ago due to the fact that there is now a ramp in the marina area

As for driving down the ramp forward to launch must be safer because all the action is in front of the driver, this was started by the school aquatics some years ago it is a good idea

How is the parking going to be able to hold all the extra vehicles over the busy period?

Following is some of the same statements that I agree on with the writer of the remainder

There are many reasons for this.

The ramp was originally funded by a private donation of 50 pounds for cement from Mr Bob Bansmer from Balaklava & laid by volunteers.

Extensions were done under various funding & volunteer labour.

I have been told that the ramp is being closed for safety reasons as people drive down the ramp & turn the vehicle & boat around at the bottom. Surely this is safer than reversing down the ramp. This must be the case as some Sailing Club members & Aquatics instructors do this.

Your report claims that hand launching would be permitted. What precautions are to be taken to prevent loss of control of trailers & boats when handling these? Do they need brakes on their trailers?

Numerous campers from your park use the boat ramp whilst camping there, after launching they put their car & trailer back on their site. Has the Council considered the extra road traffic, congestion & parking problems in the approach & Marina Carpark? On 30/12/15 at midday I counted 6 spare trailer parks in the marina carpark & 14 vehicles & trailers parked in the area adjacent the boat ramp near the caravan park. This did not include the boat trailers in the Caravan Park or private properties near the foreshore ramp. Is there available land at the marina & has the Council got plans to extend parking facilities to accommodate the extra vehicles & trailers?

While access is open for Sailing Club & Aquatics use, can the general public use it? Will they be fined? Is the Council going to make a Bylaw regarding this? Who has the authority to police this?

Has the Council or the Sailing Club considered a visiting Yachtsman who have to launch at the Marina ramp in a yacht that is not motor powered? I think they could have trouble tacking & sailing to & from the boat ramp.

Recently the Port Vincent Coast Guard used the ramp in an emergency situation to rescue 2 kayakers in trouble south of Port Vincent. If access was not readily available (Unlocking gates or removing barricades etc.) or having to use the Marina boat ramp to launch their inflatable "Rubber Duckie" valuable time would have been wasted in the rescue.

I ask the Council to seriously look at the problems associated with the closure of the Port Vincent boat ramp adjacent the Sailing Club as this proposal will open a very large can of worms & not promote tourism in our town.

I await a reply to all my questions to convince me the closure will be an improvement to our town.

Rodney Button

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Corporate Email Address

From: Ryan Greenshields <ryanandnikki@rbe.net.au>
 Sent: Thursday, 28 January 2016 2:00 PM
 To: Corporate Email Address
 Subject: Port vincent boat ramp

Hi -

It is extremely disappointing at the potential closures of the Boat ramp at Port Vincent.
 We have been holidaying at Port Vincent for the last 30 years in the foreshore caravan park

It will be very inconvenient if the only boat ramp we have to use is the ramp over at the Marina .
 The Marina ramp is very unsafe due to it is very slippery and steep and there is not enough parking . I have seen a vehicle slide down backwards due to the slipperiness of the useless ramp at the Marina .

We require the boat ramp to remain open next to the sailing club for the following reason - 1. Having young children we require having to park car and boat trailer close by as if an accident occurs my wife require to take children to hospital a vechile is required 2. As my wife needs to stay at caravan park to look after my young child i require assistance launching our 6 m boat . Its a long walk from Marina back to Caravan park each time i go fishing .

If this closes we will need to reconsider our holiday destination which is extremely disappointing as we have contributed to the Yorke Peninsula Economy .

Thanks

Port Vincent Foreshore Boat Ramp
Yorke Peninsula Council
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I oppose the continued use of the old foreshore boat ramp for launching of engine powered boats that are not part of the PVSC or the PVAC

Firstly I would like to point out that PVAC is the Port Vincent Aquatics Centre, that is part of the Port Vincent School not a club.

From the schools website :-

"Port Vincent Aquatic Centre which operates from the Sailing Club is a two hour drive from Adelaide, half way down the Yorke Peninsula. The Centre operates in the sheltered waters of Port Vincent Bay, at the Golf Course Reef and at various surf beaches across the 'bottom end' of the Yorke Peninsula. It is open during school terms and weekends."

It has activities for all school year levels and years 10,11&12 can access a 12 or 18 hour SACE course. During a year many hundreds of students from all over the state attend the centre and stay in the town, for some it is their first exposure to the sea, so it is important that this be as safe as possible.

My concerns are that of safety, as the beach are prompted as safe and child friendly. I have marked points in the picture from the consultation report. There must be a risk in having a unsupervised and unfenced boat ramp that is next to a play ground (B) and divides a swimming and paddling beaches (A & C). In the near vicinity is the Kiosk to left of photo and caravan park to right.

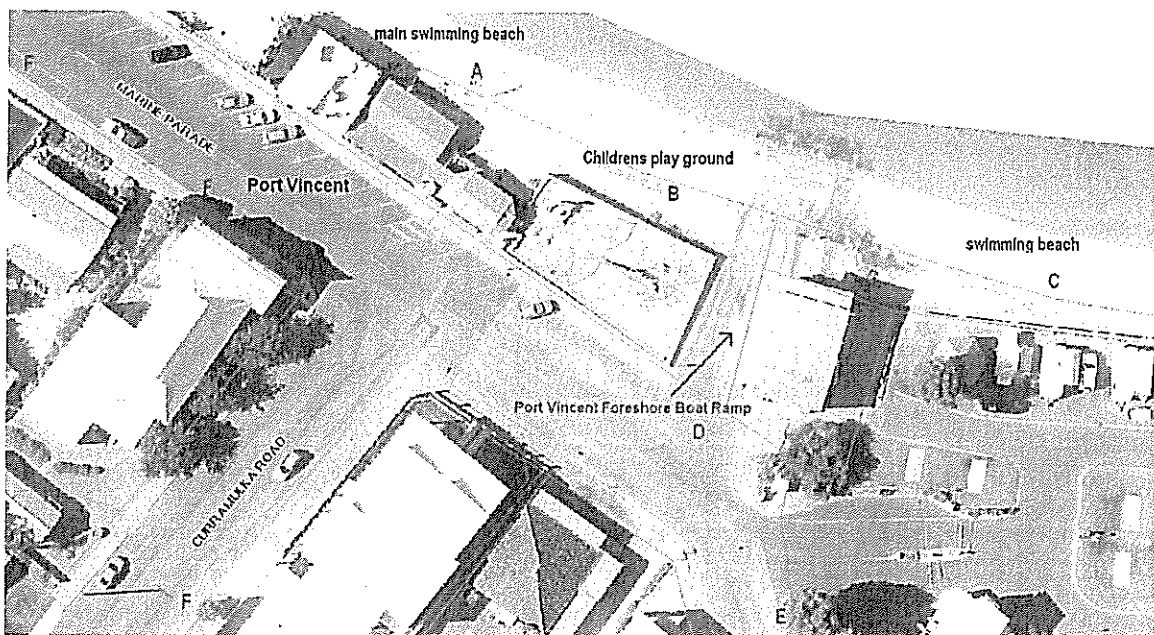
Boat owners will reverse from in front of the Caravan park gates, then down the ramp to launch and retrieve boats, this causes congestion at D on the road and also as they cross the footpath. There is limited car and trailer parking at E, but then they need to reverse boat trailer and car onto the road over both lanes to get out.

Others will park at F along Curramulka road and in front of the Hall, denying swimmers and other beach goers a safe parking area.

There is also another dangerous practice some boat owners have of anchoring their boats along swimming beach C and sometimes on the otherside of boat ramp at B. The practice is to have anchors on beach often with hooks facing up. If this is needed then, there should be the

requirement to have some sort of covering and marking on anchors and ropes and a time limit (2 hours)

With the town having a purpose built boat ramp with ample and spacious parking , and the risks associated with the old boat ramp use , there is now no need to use the old foreshore ramp general use . Only exceptions would be from sailing boat and aquatic centre craft launches , or those who launch kayaks or small boats where they can drive down (not reverse) and turn around and drive out .



Yours Sincerely
Richard Way
Port Vincent

Gary Wilson
4 Beeston St
Port Vincent SA

Re: Port Vincent Foreshore Boat Ramp
Yorke Peninsula Council
Maitland SA

Dear Andrew,

The Yorke Peninsula Council **should not** restrict the public from launching boats with a motor vehicle from the Port Vincent Foreshore Boat Ramp.

I have been using the PV Foreshore Ramp for over 50 years, during recent years making approximately 40 launches and retrievals per year. I also enjoy sitting in the kiosk watching the ramp. I take school children to participate in the Aquatics Programme there and have also taught Aquatics there. During the many hours spent at the ramp vicinity, at no time have I ever witnessed any incidents where safety has been a concern because of vehicle use – in fact the ramp seems to have a much more cooperative and friendly atmosphere than at the Marina Ramp at times! **Why close it?**

The Port Vincent Aquatics team, by DECD regulation, need to record “near miss” incidents, ie incidents where safety is compromised. I would like to know if any of these relate to the public use of the ramp. Due diligence by the YP Council would see this checked. **Are there any? If not, why close the ramp?**

School students using the ramp area during Aquatic sessions are, at all times, supposed to be under the control of teachers and/or Aquatic instructors. Surely it is the responsibility of the adults in charge to keep the students safe by supervising them! Leaders should be with their students when walking across the ramp – at other times students should be receiving their tuition away from the ramp area. **Proper supervision by teachers and instructors would eliminate any significant risk!**

During this year (January holiday time) I have been observing the ramp even more closely. Even during busy afternoon periods when many people are on the beach, boat launching and retrievals have been carried out responsibly and safely. These busy periods have been very infrequent – often the ramp is vacant. **Why change?**

Launching from the Foreshore Ramp is much safer for me than from the Marina Ramp. Having recently undergone knee-replacement surgery, launching from the Marina Ramp is difficult – getting into and out of the boat from the pontoon is both painful and unsafe for me. I have a high chance of

slipping and falling there whereas the Foreshore Ramp allows me to step in from the sand posing no problems at all. There are many others – hip/knee recipients and the elderly especially – in the same situation as myself. **The Foreshore ramp is safer for us!**

Several small dingy owners have made comments about how much more danger of slipping and falling and capsizing there is for them at the Marina Ramp where again, having to step out and down into the boat causes problems. There are no such problems at the Foreshore Ramp. **Keep it open!**

I believe (as told to me by the YP Compliance officer) that while general public vehicles would be restricted from the ramp, PVSC and PVAC vehicles would be permitted. This would cause huge controversy! This would imply that they do not pose any risk but the public does! Would they be able to use the ramp whenever they like or just during 'their' hours? If this was the case, the ramp becomes an elitist property – hardly what Port Vincent needs, and **hardly fair!**

The Foreshore ramp is a Port Vincent institution. To sit in the kiosk or on the sand or in the shelter or in the Caravan Park watching beach goers and boats is one of the "things you do". **The Foreshore Ramp must stay open to the public!**

Yours sincerely,

Gary Wilson

Corporate Email Address

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From: 27 JAN 2016

Michael Green <gunnado31@bigpond.com>

Sent: Tuesday, 26 January 2016 6:53 PM

To: Corporate Email Address

Subject: Submission Restricted Use of Port Vincent Foreshore Boat Ramp

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Preamble

I am not a resident of either Port Vincent or the Yorke Peninsular Council area but have been a visitor to Port Vincent for several years throughout all seasons.

At the beginning of this year I had the fortune to take my small dingy to Port Vincent and used the Port Vincent Foreshore Boat Ramp on two occasions both in the evening to go garfish "dabbing" off the beach. I used a motor vehicle to launch my motorised dingy. On one occasion there was only one other user of the boat ramp and on both occasions no other user of the beach area close to the ramp.

Following this experience I had planned to use both this ramp and the protected waters of the bay for further boating experiences. In addition to this I had planned to bring a three man canoe and a small sailing dingy to Port Vincent for use by my extended family and grandchildren when they frequently visit and stay in Port Vincent. Both the sailing dingy and the canoe require close access to the water's edge using a motor vehicle to carry the vessels into the water. Carrying them from the road to the waters edge is not feasible.

The use of the Marina Boat Ramp presents a safety issue for these three craft as it would require them got out into the exposed waters before going to a from the sheltered bay area. It could be considered irresponsible to take such vessels from the Marina area to the foreshore area. The Marina area and launch ramp is designed for larger and seagoing vessels.

To restrict use of the Foreshore ramp to only PVSC and PVAC members only on those occasions when they have an activity would rule out any future use by my craft by myself or extended family in Port Vincent. I will need to find areas other than Port Vincent or perhaps Yorke Peninsular.

Submission

1. Restricting to the membership of the two associations suggest that they are more responsible drivers and boat handlers that the general public or that they have some privileges that the rest of the community has not.

2. Closing the boat ramp to public use using a motor vehicle to launch will mean that craft that are unsuitable to launching at Marina will be put at increased risk just to use the foreshore area. Is this what is intended.

3. Having walked through this area in peak use times and seeing pedestrians, beach goers, boating people, caravan park people and general motorists in the area it would appear that there exists a high if not higher risk to them of a catastrophic incident occurring. Such an incident exists irrespective of restricting public use of the ramp.

4. Unless such a proposal is to give a privileged right to a small group of people, members of PVSC and PVAC, then would it not be more appropriate to devise ways in which all users of the road and beach area could have a decrease risk of serious injury. The use of joint local and state government funding (boat license fees) to :

(a) add signage, guard rails, bollards , kerbing etc to limit motor vehicles to a narrower use of the beach area as feasible and to reduce the risk of beach goers crossing the area without seeing vehicles loading or unloading boats.

(b) look at people and vehicle movements including parking in the road areas adjacent to the ramp to reduce risk of both vehicle and pedestrian accidents through the use of better traffic management practices.

5. Limiting the size of boats that require a motor vehicle to launch and retrieve would have the effect of reducing numbers of public user of the ramp. Excluded larger boats still can access the Marina ramp and safely exit to the greater sea area.

I thank you for the opportunity to make a submission and trust that the Council gives an open and considered decision that achieve a good outcome for all.

regards

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Corporate Email Address

27 JAN 2016

From: Justin Green <justin@greencreations.com.au>

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To: Corporate Email Address

Subject: Port Vincent foreshore boat ramp public consultation

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I have become aware of the proposal to close the town's local boat ramp to the general public's vehicles, and have several concerns regarding this proposal.

I have been a regular holiday goer to the town of Port Vincent for at least 20 years, now holidaying regularly with my own young family. I agree that the ramp should be made safer for boaters, swimmers and pedestrians, but strongly oppose the decision to close the ramp to the general public as it will bring about new safety concerns as well as force tourists out of the town.

The decision is too drastic

It is important to stress that in my 20 plus years at Port Vincent as a swimmer and boat user, I have never seen or heard of any accidents at the boat ramp. It seems rather excessive and impetuous to close the local boat ramp to the general public based on a 'what might happen' notion. I understand the importance of being pro-active and ensuring the safety of all to prevent a 'catastrophic incident', however, other safety measures could be taken. Suggestions include the erecting signs on either side of the ramp, painting parts of the ramp and possibly even installing bollards or posts.

Is there a difference between 'General Public' boat users and Yacht Club boat users?

With the decision to close the local boat ramp to the general public, I question why the yacht club vehicles are exempt from this closure and do not pose a safety risk when using the ramp. In fact, from my observations at the boat ramp over the years, many of these larger vessels are much more difficult to maneuver both in the water and on the ramp, posing greater risk to pedestrian and swimmers all around the ramp area.

Marina is unsafe for small boat users and the inexperienced

If creating a safer environment is key to this decision, it seems odd to put the safety of smaller boat users in jeopardy by forcing them to launch at the marina. Small boat owners have launched and retrieved from the local ramp in calmer waters. Now these small boats would be required to travel through rougher seas to enter and exit the Marina.

Marina not adequate for volume of boat users

Should the local boat ramp be closed to the general public I have grave concerns over the halving of the number of available ramps in the town and the incredible strain this will put on the Marina ramp, especially during the holiday periods, including long weekends. The two ramps are already busy during these holiday periods, but to double the boat traffic at one ramp would be ludicrous. The marina ramp is not designed to accommodate the volume of boat users, creating traffic jams and lengthy wait times. Another safety concern with the larger volume of boaters in the marina is the limited space in the waters around the ramps where boaters would be expected to wait for an available ramp. Surely accidents will occur with many boats left waiting in the launching thoroughfare.

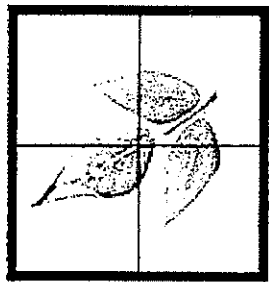
Inadequate parking facilities at the Marina

The car and trailer parking space at the Marina is not adequate to accommodate the number of ramp users. At present, many boaters have the convenience of launching from the local ramp and leaving their car and trailer in the allocated space alongside the caravan park, at their home nearby, or in the caravan park where they are holidaying. With the Marina being some distance from the town, these boaters will now need to park their cars

around the Marina. With a lack of extra spaces the cars would be forced to park in the streets and on the Esplanade. I have even heard from one regular user of the caravan park that they may not return to Port Vincent Caravan Park if the ramp were too close to the general public as it would create the inconvenience of launching and retrieving so far away from their accommodation.

I am happy to discuss my concerns further on 0432328784

Sincerely
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Corporate Email Address

From:

Sent: 27 JAN 2016

To:

Subject:

Richard Miller <richard@rmconveyancing.com.au>

Wednesday, 27 January 2016 4:39 PM

Corporate Email Address

Port Vincent Foreshore Boat Ramp

Distribution

Dear Mr CEO and Councillors,

Please accept this email as my formal objection to any proposal to diminish the public access to, and the use of, the above mentioned facility.

My family and I have considered Port Vincent our second home for the past 39 years.

Port Vincent has been long recognised as the jewel in the crown of holiday destinations in your Council area.

Part of this attraction is the ready and safe access to the water for various activities, boating and swimming being just two of many.

The foreshore boat ramp, was constructed years ago for the benefit of the members of the local community and the yacht club..... NOT for the exclusive use by members of the yacht club as now being proposed. It is adjacent to a well-used swimming beach and does not cause any conflict with those users.

Unless ALL boats are denied access and the facility closed, then safety issues cannot be used as a reason for a PARTIAL closure. This flies in the face of common sense.

The foreshore boat ramp is very safe for all users, as it is on a low gradient and very visible. It is not slippery and because of the beach, it is very easy for a single operator to launch and retrieve, unlike the ramp at marina, where two persons are necessary for safety reasons. The marina ramp is often congested, always slippery with algae, and very difficult to manage for an elderly, sole fisherperson.

Please, apply common sense, and maintain the status quo regarding the foreshore boat ramp and keep it open for all to use.

Yours respectfully

Richard Miller
Registered Conveyancer



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AT PORT VINCENT

From: Shirley Horsfall <sfhorsfall@bigpond.com>
Sent: - 3 FEB 2016 Wednesday, 3 February 2016 12:57 PM
To: Corporate Email Address
Subject: BOAT RAMP ADJACENT TO FORESHORE CARAVAN PARK

ATTENTION: MICHAEL CARTWRIGHT

Thank you for your return phone call of 2/2/2016 it was much appreciated.

As a family of now grandchildren and great grandchild we have been holidaying and boat fishing at Port Vincent Foreshore Caravan Park since 1968.

We now spend 10 - 12 weeks twice a year March - May and September - November and spend \$8,000 - \$9,500 per year within the town.

PLEASE DO NOT CLOSE THE BOAT RAMP

I offer the following reasons and suggestions to be considered:

Prepared to not fish on Sundays when in use for Yachties

When using marina ramp in emergency after breakdown and being towed in found the ramp is that slippery that you put your life in your own hands - ok for larger boats

Aquatics can be a pain in the neck because administrators allow their equipment to abut the concrete to ramp not allowing mooring of boats whilst retrieving trailers, I think the Aquatics is the greatest thing for kids I have seen , but please allow three metres clear of the concrete each side for returning small craft

I have been assured that access costs are not the reason for suggested closure - in reply I am prepared to pay up to \$100.00 launching fees yearly
Maybe a sliding scale for fees along the lines of \$20 for 2 weeks, \$40 for 4 weeks up to \$100.00 per year would help toward maintenance

Sincerely yours

Tony Horsfall
08 83815900

Re- Submission in response to the closing or restricted use of the Port Vincent foreshore Boat Ramp.

Firstly this is a Public Access Boat Ramp and has been for many years and I believe should stay so and not restricted giving access to just to a few eg. The Port Vincent Sailing Club (PVSC) and the Port Vincent Aquatics Club (PVAC).

This proposal coincidentally has reared its ugly head at a time when the PVSC has just completed some major renovations to its club rooms. Are they trying to make the PVSC a more elite club and having exclusive use to the boat ramp along with the PVAC at the expense of other boat ramp users within the town? It is worth noting that many of the PVAC staff are also members of the PVSC. Don't forget it is a public ramp and is used by many small boat owners both residents and holiday makers. Not everyone wants to be a member of the PVSC. We know that if you want to make something happen you bring in Health and Safety as the reason as this makes the wheels turn and yes sure enough in this proposal it sites this as the reason. Is there any documented evidence of near misses or accidents attributed to the public use of the boat ramp? What about other ways of lessening the risks. What about portable bollards defining the edge of the boat ramp being put in place by the PVSC or the PVAC during times that they are utilising the area (which isn't all year round or every day nor every hour of the day) Are we saying the sailing boat users who launch their large trailer sailers at the ramp do it more safely than the member of the public launching a 12 foot dingy. What about the trailer sailers parked along the caravan park fence line when they are not in the water with their booms hanging out past the the boat. I consider this is dangerous to both pedestrians and traffic. The PVAC park their trailers and equipment along the edges of the boat ramp on the sand taking up beach area. Surely there should be some responsibility there for them not to leave their equipment around the vicinity and then take their students away from the area of the boat ramp before they start their training. People including students and these are high school students have some sort of responsibility for their own safety and stay away from areas where boats are being launched except when they are launching or retrieving the craft they are using. It is ridiculous to say that people would still be able to launch their canoe or small boat by hand. If I were to attempt to launch a small dingy by hand the chances of me not being able to hold it and the dingy and trailer rolling down the ramp and hitting someone would be greater and as for pulling the dingy and trailer back up the ramp would be impossible for me and a lot of others. . What about aged people, people with minor disabilities or other health problems. They might be able to safely use their boat but not pull it up and down the ramp by hand.

The mention of the children's playground adjacent the boat ramp is another example of using Health and Safety as a mechanism to make what you want happen. In reality the playground has a fence around its perimeter with its only access at the other end of the playground going into the BBQ area and shelter sheds. This should not even being brought up as an issue.

Having the boat ramp where it is makes Port Vincent attractive to the tourists. Speaking to people in the caravan park one of the reasons they stay at the park is because of the easy access to the ramp and in a small boat even when a strong southerly or south easterly is blowing (prevailing winds) they can safely slip out inside the spit area and fish. If this was taken away from them some might eventually holiday elsewhere.

The Marina boat ramp is well and good for the larger and more stable boats but during peak holiday periods it is not adequate for all the boats utilising it let alone the overflow that would come in from boaties that currently use the foreshore ramp. The smaller tinnies and dingy are ok inside the marina but with any sort of swell or wind as soon as they go past the entrance it can become dangerous until they get across closer to the spit. Quite a distance in a small boat with a small motor. This is not an issue launching from the foreshore ramp. Not only that if the weather comes up while they are out there (which can happen suddenly) at present they can scoot back with the protection of the spit and get back to the foreshore ramp with relative safety.

A few years ago the state government was proposing to close aquatics in South Australia to save money. The general public signed petitions and wrote letters to support the aquatic centres and they stayed open. The residents and holiday makers in Port Vincent supported our aquatic centre and signed petitions etc. because they were concerned they would be closed down. A lot of those people are now the boaties who are getting a slap in the face from the people they supported.

As you say in the report this was brought up in 2008 and after public consultation Council carried a resolution in February 2009 no further action at that time. The only thing to my knowledge that has changed since then is that the PVSC has carried out renovations and upgrades to its building and I believe wants to make itself more exclusive. If the ramp is to be closed it should be closed to everybody including the PVSC and the PVAC not just made an exclusive ramp for a few members. It is and should remain a boat ramp for everybody.

Phil Clonan
Resident of Port Vincent.

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 Subject: Corporate Email Address
 Port Vincent Foreshore Boat ramp

From; Milton Watters, Curramulka.

I strongly disagree with any proposal to restrict public access to this beach launch facility.

The said ramp is a community asset, largely put in place many years ago by volunteer effort from around the district. i.e.; Local commercial & recreational fishers, the PVSC, Curramulka ski club & the Port Vincent people. My Grandfather, Father & two of my brothers having at different times put in effort towards building and maintaining the ramp.

It is one of the best laid ramps in our district in that it has not impacted the historic lie of the beach line. This cannot be said of some efforts to improve our beach facility's i.e.; The groyne at the Pt. Vincent caravan park & Pt. Julia boat ramp.

In all the time (50 years) of using the boat ramp i have not witnessed any accidents at the ramp, while at the marina ramp, in a relative short time that it has been in use i have witnessed 3 or 4 incidents of users slipping on the particularly slippery surface.

It plays a big role in attracting people to the area (council actively encourages tourism to the area). Discussions with PVSC members has me believing that that the majority do not see the sense in restricting use of the ramp.

Does the Aquatics pay a fee to the Y P Council for the use of this facility.
 Milton Watters, 88542011

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Dear Sir,

To advise you that Coast Guard SAF 10 Pt.Vincent requires the use of this boat ramp for EMERGENCIES AT SEA. On call out to assist we do launch our RHIB Swiftcraft "SEAHOUND" at this closer to base site..

Yours Truly,
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We have been going to Port Vincent for over 30 years and have used the Port Vincent Foreshore Boat Ramp on many occasions.

Each time we have used the Boat Ramp it has been easy accessible, with very little waiting time. Boat uses put there boats in quickly and easily and move away just has quickly and easily. At the Marina Boat Ramp I have heard of long delays waiting to put boats in and out.

We feel there is very good safety at the Boat Ramp, we come in very slow and check for swimmers and any other people around. Children do not play on the boat ramp and seem to be aware of where to swim and that the boat ramp is not a swimming area.

We totally disagree with the proposal to restrict the use of the foreshore boat ramp. This is used by many boat owners especially from the caravan park and people with tractors who find the ramp easy to use as the one at the marina is not as easy to use with a tractor.

Yours sincerely

Lyn & Julius Robinson
Pt. Vincent.

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use of Port Vincent Sailing club ramp [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

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Hi

Just a short note with regard to your proposal to close the port Vincent sailing club ramp to the public to launch motor boats.

I am a regular user of the ramp (once a month) and have a small dingy, which I launch using my car. I like to stay in the caravan park and use the ramp next door, it makes for a very enjoyable weekend.

I understand your points about motor boats presenting a risk to users of the beach near the ramp. The greatest there is from larger vessels. Some are just too big for that location.

However, I think a compromise could be reached. Instead of banning all motor boats, why don't you limit launching to vessels of no more than 4.5 meters? This would mean that you would only have dingys being launched which are small and easy to handle, and present little risk to other users in the vicinity. The bigger boats would then use the marina, which makes sense.

I think that this would be a smart move for all concerned and a good compromise.

Kind regards

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Hello

We believe that the boat ramp closing at Port Vincent will be a shame to the whole community.

As a family have been coming back to Port Vincent for two weeks every year for the last 30 years.

We were unable to make it the newsagency today before it closed to be able to sign the petition, so please accept the following signatures attached -

Roger Przibilla
Deb Przibilla
Phebe Przibilla

Thank you
Phebe

Roger Przibilla

Murphy

Deb Przibilla

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Phebe Przibilla

Phrahae

Councillors
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24th Janaury 2016

Subject: - PUBLIC CONSULTATION- SUBMISSION
PROPOSAL TO RESTRICT THE USE OF THE PORT VINCENT FORESHORE
BOAT RAMP.

As Councillors would be aware this boat ramp plays an important role in Port Vincent and is used by a large cross section of the community from launching of boats by recreational fishers, aquatic activities, yachting, kayakers and access to the beach. It is strategically located and used not only by those who live or own properties in Port Vincent but also daily visitors, holiday makers staying in holiday homes and caravan parks.

The Port Vincent Sailing Club Inc has in a letter to the Council stated its position regarding the community usage of the ramp. The letter is written in collaboration with their/partner tenant Port Vincent Aquatic Centre.

The letter raises a number of what they believe are safety issues:-

- (a) Driving at unsafe speeds.
- (b) Driving without due care/consideration for other ramp users. Driving forward down boat ramp and "U" turning at the bottom sometimes attempting to turn on "Sailing Club" portion of the ramp where boats are being rigged. This has resulted in (minor) damage to member's equipment.
- (c) Power boaters leaving boats, anchored, on the sand adjacent to the ramp.
- (d) Power boaters approaching the beach and ramp area, often with no understanding of the manoeuvring of sailing craft.

On Saturday the 23rd January 2016 I spent an hour at the boat ramp and observed the following:-

1. A vehicle towing a Yacht driving forward down the boat ramp, turning right at the bottom of the ramp onto the area in front of the Yacht Club rooms. The drivers detached their trailers and drove up the ramp.
2. Large yachts anchored along the foreshore down as far as the Beach Kiosk. These yachts had anchors half buried in the sand on the beach some distance from their boats. These boats were in line with persons entering the beach via the steps next to the kiosk. These half buried anchors had the potential to cause injury to unsuspecting children and persons who play in this area.
3. A large yacht on a trailer and attached to a vehicle reversed parked on the playground side of the ramp. The boat was being prepared for sailing. It was there when I arrived and was in that position for at least a half hour blocking half of the boat ramp. The vehicle, with the boat attached then reversed down to the water's edge where the vehicle and trailer were parked, making it difficult for other users, for quite a considerable time before launching.
4. Small yachts anchored in the vicinity of the boat ramp.

5. On the area of the beach in front of the playground there were a number of unattended boat trailers scattered around and yachts on the sand being prepared for sailing. Not only did this cause congestion for persons wishing to enter the beach area there was the potential to create injury as person manoeuvred around these trailers and yachts..

This area is a public beach and used regularly by beach goers. This beach area should not be used as a car park for boat trailers at the exclusion of beach goers and yachts should be prepared before entering this area.

I have also seen the issues pointed out above on other occasions over the years that has involved not only persons using/preparing yachts but also recreational fishers and other users of the ramp.

The PVSC has also stated that there has been minor damage to member's equipment when vehicles turn at the bottom of the ramp.

Is there a record of dates and times this has occurred?

How many injuries have been reported as a result of vehicular accidents on the boat ramp?

The letter also states:-

Club patrons have experienced unsociable behaviour.

I have used this ramp on a number of occasions and also the ramp at the Marina. Other than experiencing congestion at the foreshore ramp, mainly due to the number of yachts and other boats in the immediate area and congestion at the Marina due to the large number of boats coming and going I have not experienced any unsociable behaviour.

Also "PVSC understands that it is the wish of the DCYP to close the ramp for use by the general public. PVSC supports this Motion."

This statement appears to be incorrect. I contacted Council Administration in relation to this as I could not find any reference, in the Council Agendas/Minutes, that it was the Council's wish to close the ramp or there had been a "Motion" put forward.

I received the following reply:-

"At no stage have Elected Members been asked to consider the closure of the Port Vincent Foreshore Boat Ramp. At November 2015 meeting the Elected Members were asked to consider a Public Consultation Process to restrict the use of the ramp as a result of safety concerns during periods of high use by the PVSC and the Aquatic Group".

The PVSC also have made it abundantly clear that without some access to the ramp their club would no longer be able to function viably.

And

PVSC therefore proposes that the ramp be used by the PVSC and her associates for club sanctioned events and approved other users.

The PVSC states that the ramp's closure should be targeting larger powered craft that require a vehicle to assist with launching with the exceptions being hand launched craft.

If Council decides to target/restrict larger powered craft that require a vehicle to assist with launching, as suggested by the PVSC, then this restriction should include all craft that require a vehicle to assist with launching including all types of yachts whether large or small, as pointed out by the PVSC, it is vehicles using the ramp to launch that is the cause/concern of safety issues.

The PVSC then go onto say that they would effectively control the use of the boat ramp. To hand control over of this public boat ramp to one select group to control would go against all principals of being fair and equal especially when there are alternatives measures, as pointed out below, that could be put in place to control vehicles/pedestrians using the ramp making it safe for all the community to use.

As the PVSC in collaboration with the Port Vincent Aquatic Centre have raised these safety issues that appear to centre around the volume of traffic, congestion and behaviour, should Council consider that the safety issues are real, then I believe that the following suggestions would resolve a lot of safety concerns raised and make a safe area for all to use:-

1. All vehicles launching boats with a trailer attached must reverse down the ramp.
2. All motor vehicles using the ramp must reverse down the ramp. (This would cover persons with kayaks, surf boards etc on roof racks.)
3. All preparation of yachts/boats must take place either before using the ramp or in the designated area. (Area will need to be defined)
I have observed that a number of Yachts are prepared in the area at the southern end of Marine Parade, area in front of Yacht Club rooms or in the parking areas allocated for boat trailers along the fence line of the caravan park or in side streets.
4. No vehicles/boat trailers to be left on the beach outside a designated area.
5. No boat/yacht to be left anchored within ten metres either side of the boat ramp.
6. No boat/yacht to be left anchored with anchor embedded in the sand above water mark.
7. No parking on the boat ramp. (This would stop boat/yacht owners preparing boats before launching)
8. Boats/yachts not to be anchored between the northern end of the playground and southern end of the wharf and no closer than fifty metres from the low water mark.
9. A maximum speed limit of ten kilometres an hour on the boat ramp.
10. As the boat ramp is a road then defined lanes on either side of the ramp for pedestrians to use when going to and leaving the beach or no access to pedestrians entering onto the beach. (There are other accesses to the beach that would not be inconvenient for beach goers.)

As already stated earlier I believe that these suggestions, and there may be others, if put in place would resolve a number of safety concerns raised by the PVSC and PVAC. These suggestions would remove traffic/pedestrian congestion that I believe is the main cause of the safety concerns raised by the PVSC and the PVAC.

THIS WOULD BE A WIN-WIN FOR ALL OF THE COMMUNITY.

I reiterate that this is a public ramp and is an integral part of the Port Vincent community and tourism. No one community group should have control over the usage of this ramp at the expense of other community users.

If you wish to discuss this matter with me please contact me.

Richard (Dick) PAIN

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Dear Councillors

I would like to voice my opinion against closing the Port Vincent Foreshore Boat Ramp to people who launch their boats and sailing vessels by motor vehicle. As you would know Port Vincent is a very popular seaside town that caters for people young and old who go there to relax, swim, participate in boating, fishing, sailing and a wide range of aquatic and leisure activities. At the centre of these activities and a key reason for the popularity of the town with local residents and holiday makers is the foreshore area which provides safe beach access for swimmers, boaters and people engaged in leisure activities. This has been a perfect recipe for years and I would question why the need for change?

To take this away and restrict the Foreshore Boat Rmps use for the benefit of a few is not what the holiday town of Port Vincent is about. It would change the heart and soul of the town. Secondly and most importantly it would create huge safety issues at the Marina and Marine Parade and finally the alternative boat launching facilities are not adequate for the number of vehicles that would be forced to use it.

In all my years of visiting and now a rate paying resident of the town I have joined locals and visitors from far and wide across Australia and utilised the Foreshore Boat Ramp. I have never witnessed accidents or ramp rage that exists at the majority of structured launching facilities such as those at the Marina. It has been safe and very user friendly for all manner of people launching boats, yachts, aluminium dinghies, jet skis, kayaks, canoes and inflatable boats. It would not be possible to launch these without full vehicle access as many of the smaller vessels are too heavy to carry for a distance and they require shallow water to step into them without unbalancing them. Visitors from all over Australia return each year with the knowledge that they can safely launch their craft by themselves without fear of slipping or tipping out.

If these people were forced to launch their vessels at the Marina it would create an increase in the traffic using Marine Parade which would make the area near the Hotel, shops and wharf more dangerous for all the

foot traffic, in particular children. It would make it extremely difficult for the senior members of the public dealing with the steep ramp by themselves, finding a park and then physically getting into their small boat without tipping it and leaving the Marina area safely.

On the one occasion I have gone to the Marina launching facilities I found it to be exceptionally slippery and was extremely worried that I would slip or that my husband who has unstable knees and hips would slip with catastrophic consequences. I have heard of numerous reports of people slipping and for the members of our community who have had knee or hip operations it is not a risk they can afford to take. Where will children stand when they are waiting for their parents when they are launching or retrieving their boat? Standing on shore surely has to be a safer option. My husband and I have been involved in a number of rescues when yachts and boaties have been caught in strong winds. If we had to launch at the Marina we would not have been able to get to them to avert a real emergency.

Who would benefit from the removal of the safer Foreshore Ramp? At peak times in summer I have noticed that the car park at the Marina is almost full. Where would the extra vehicles park and who would monitor its use to prevent ramp range? Who will help the people launching by themselves and who will pay if someone does have a serious accident when they slip on the ramp or get injured launching their boat?

I can understand and would support the Aquatics group placing large retractable bollards on the ramp to restrict use of the ramp or section off an area when school groups are beginning and finishing lessons. At this time it would be appropriate to prevent people driving forward and turning in a large circle to launch their boat when equipment is out ready for lessons. However, it is important that their lesson includes information on the safe use the ramp and does not remove their own responsibility to watch and look for vehicles. Similarly the yacht club could also use bollards to section off part of the ramp on the days that they are racing and prevent people driving down and doing big circles. They could also section off a small portion of the beach for their craft as long as they are considerate of other users. The beach and ramp is for the enjoyment of all. Making the road one way past the boat ramp and Caravan Park may be worth considering, keeping traffic flowing safely and smoothly.

Given the immense number of people of all ages who happily use the ramp all year to access the beach for all manner of activities it would seem inappropriate to close it. It would change the essence of the town, create an array of safety issues and create parking congestion at the Marina. Living opposite the Foreshore Boat Ramp I believe I am in a good position to make these observations.

Regards

Nancy Harrington

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Port Vincent boat ramp near sailing club

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Hello,

I would like to make the following comments in relation to the Port Vincent Boat ramp being closed to the public launching their boats with motor vehicles:

- I would like access to the boat ramp left as it is currently. (Full public access for launching boats with motor vehicles)
- The ramp provides convenient launching of boats for local houses and the caravan park
- Making people from the caravan park launch boats in the marina will result in lots more traffic along Marine Parade between the caravan park and the marina which could lead to greater accidents

I do not wish to appear before council on this matter.

Regards,

Sam Mumford

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To whom it may concern:

I would like to make the following comments in relation to the Sailing Club Boat ramp being closed to the public launching their boats with motor vehicles:

- I would like access to the boat ramp left as it is currently. (Full public access for launching boats with motor vehicles)
- The ramp provides convenient launching of boats for local houses and the caravan park – a huge draw for the caravan park and town in general
- Making people from the caravan park launch boats in the marina will result in lots more traffic along Marine Parade between the caravan park and the marina which could lead to greater accidents
- Other alternatives like a 'look both ways' fence they have at train crossings would be worth trying first at both sides of the ramp
- By being able to launch and retrieve boats at the Sailing Club ramp there is greater chance of people spending money locally at the shops whereas if people launch at the marina they can skip the town altogether.

I do not wish to appear before council on this matter.

Regards,

Tom Mumford

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**PUBLIC CONSULTATION REPORT
PROPOSAL TO RESTRICT THE USE OF THE PORT VINCENT FORESHORE BOAT
RAMP
23 November 2015
(Revised)**

COMMENT FROM JEFF BROWNE

My family and I have enjoyed two holidays each year at the Port Vincent Foreshore Caravan Park for 27 years. In recent years we have extended our stay to approximately eight weeks a year.

Along with many other Park patrons, I enjoy fishing the local waters in my small car topper dingy. I initially launched the boat by hand utilising a trolley at the Foreshore Boat Ramp but over the years that has become too difficult as the weight of a car topper dinghy, outboard motor and other boating items is now too heavy for me to pull up the ramp. The ramp is also partly covered at times with soft sand which makes hand retrieval near impossible. I have therefore invested in a collapsible trailer and now launch with my vehicle.

I write to express my views related to the proposal to restrict the motor vehicle access to activities associated with Port Vincent Sailing Club (PVSC) and the Port Vincent Aquatics Club (PVAC).

I acknowledge the safety issue with vehicle launching at the ramp. However, the possibility of a catastrophic incident occurring still remains if the ramp is used only for vehicle launching by PVSC and PVAC. The likelihood is reduced given the lesser volume of boat launches but the risk would not be alleviated. I propose that the risk of a catastrophic incident occurring would be significantly reduced if a 3.0 metre long x 1.1 metre high fence was erected along each side of the ramp abutting the PVSC building and the playground retaining wall. This would stop beach users from walking into the path of a vehicle that they have not seen due to the blind spot created by the building and the retaining wall. A tubular pool type fence in a galvanised finish or a fence similar to that enclosing the adjacent playground would not be unsightly and would not impact on beach users. With this modification and appropriate signage indicating the risk issues, the ramp could be continued to be used by all parties as it is now with the risk of a catastrophic incident significantly mitigated.

My greatest concern with the proposal to restrict use of the Foreshore Boat Ramp is that I am not sure how I and the many other small car topper and dinghy users will launch their boats utilising a vehicle at Port Vincent if the proposal is implemented. The Marina Boat Ramp is a tremendous facility but the ramps and the pontoons do not allow safe launching, retrieval or access into car toppers and dinghies. The ramps and pontoons were clearly designed for boats larger than car toppers and dinghies. My 3.59 metre long car topper, along with the many car toppers and dinghies used at Port Vincent, has a low freeboard. The ramp pontoons sit approximately 0.35 metre above the water line. Car toppers and dinghies require a low centre of gravity by the user if the risk of capsize due to boat lack of stability is to be avoided. At the Marina Boat Ramp a person would be required to step down

into the car topper or dinghy to access it which is extremely difficult even for the most agile of people. The risk of injury is high as a car topper or dinghy is not stable enough. With larger boats a person steps into the boat at a raised floor boat level which is usually similar to the pontoon level. Access into and out of larger boats is therefore relatively safe. The alternative of accessing the car topper or dinghy in the water from the ramp is also not feasible as the ramp surface drops away to a depth quickly and it is very slippery which again proposes high risk of injury. Clearly the Marina Boat Ramp does not provide a safe and adequate alternative to the Foreshore Boat Ramp for car topper and dinghy users that need to launch with a vehicle.

Use of the Foreshore Boat Ramp has been rather inexpensive over the years with an annual fee of \$20. This year there is apparently no charge for reasons I am not aware of. I propose that in addition to my fence proposal mentioned above, the annual fee for vehicle launching be increased which may encourage larger boat owners who can safely use the Marina Boat Ramp to commence using that facility. This would reduce Foreshore Boat Ramp usage which would further mitigate the safety risk. The fee increase would need to take into account the limited facility at the Foreshore Boat Ramp in comparison with the facilities provided at the Marina Boat Ramp. Possibly the fee could off-set the cost of the fence proposal.

My comments above would be common with a number of other Port Vincent holiday makers that enjoy use of their vehicle launched car toppers and dinghies. If use of the Foreshore Boat Ramp is restricted as proposed I am not sure what we will do as the Marina Boat Ramp is not a safe or practical alternative. I therefore hope that appropriate and understood consideration of my comments is made.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if further clarification on any of the matters raised is required. If necessary I am prepared to discuss my comments directly with Council administration or elected members.

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PUBLIC CONSULTATION SUBMISSION PORT VINCENT FORESHORE BOAT RAMP

1. BACKGROUND

The Yorke Peninsula Council has released a "Proposal to Restrict the Use of the Port Vincent Foreshore Boat Ramp" dated 23rd November, 2015 and as part of Council's consultation has sought written submissions.

The proposal is to close the foreshore boat ramp to the public for the launching of boats with motor vehicles whilst still allowing motor vehicles to use the ramp for activities associated with the Port Vincent Sailing Club (PVSC) and Port Vincent Aquatics Club (PVAC).

The key points supporting the proposal are detailed as follows:-

1. The proposal has been developed by Council in consultation with the PVSC and PVAC.
2. Both clubs believe that the launching of boats with motor vehicles significantly increases the likelihood of a catastrophic incident occurring.
3. Members of the public, using their motor vehicles to launch their boats, create additional risk to the public undertaking other activities in the area.
4. 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.
5. The PVSC support a proposal to restrict motor vehicle access to activities associated with PVSC and PVAC.

Over the past forty years my family and I have holidayed in Port Vincent several times a year together with our extended family and close friends. During this time we have been regular users of both the foreshore boat ramp and the marina boat ramp. In addition, we have all been regularly using the foreshore area for relaxation and swimming. We are therefore well aware of how the foreshore boat ramp operates and the other people using the foreshore area in the vicinity of the boat ramp.

2. COMMENTS ON THE KEY POINTS IN THE PROPOSAL

The following comments are provided on the key points in the proposal:-

1. Council developing the proposal in consultation with the PVSC and PVAC and not involving other key Port Vincent township groups tends to put a bias on the proposal.
2. With the launching of boats with motor vehicles at the ramp will certainly increase the risk with other users but to talk about a catastrophic incident is taking this to the extreme. If the risk was this high, neither members of PVSC or PVAC should be launching at the ramp.
3. As stated in 2 above, there is certainly an increase in risk to the public undertaking other activities in the area but there are ways of reducing this risk without banning launching.
4. Not allowing the general public to launch their boats may significantly increase the safety to other users but this increase can be achieved by other means without banning launching by the public.
5. Launching associated with PVSC and PVAC activities has to have a similar degree of risk as with the general public launching at the ramp.

3. PRESENT OPERATION OF THE BOAT RAMPS

The foreshore boat ramp offers an alternative launching facility to the marina boat ramp but most importantly it is predominately used by a different user group. The marina boat ramp tends to be used by people with larger boats that are able to launch and retrieve easily and quite proficiently.

The foreshore boat ramp is used by many of the smaller boats, people learning their boating skills and often fisherman launching and retrieving on their own that do not want to hold up other users. In addition, the foreshore boat ramp is a most important facility for caravan park patrons with their roof top boats. Talking to tourists from the caravan park, they are always impressed by being able to launch alongside the caravan park and this creates return business which is positive for Port Vincent.

At present, the marina boat ramp is operating above capacity during the busier times with sometimes twenty or more cars and trailers parked outside the carpark. With these numbers, if the weather quickly changes, things become chaotic with too many boats wanting to retrieve at once. If all the smaller boats from the foreshore boat ramp were directed to the marina as well, it would become unworkable during the busier times.

4. PRESENT OPERATION OF THE FORESHORE AREA

At present the risk to other users with the launching of boats at the foreshore involves pedestrians in the area and swimmers adjacent to the boat ramp.

The pedestrians in the area include those coming and going from the caravan park, the playground and the beach. At present these pedestrian movements are haphazard across the boat ramp area with no clear main paths.

Occasionally swimmers from the adjacent main swimming beach venture in front of the boat ramp. Due to the low speeds of the boats approaching the ramp, this hasn't caused any safety incidents that I am aware of but it is not desirable. At present there are no signs or markers showing the designated swimming area and launching area.

5. OPTIONS FOR THE FORESHORE BOAT RAMP

From my understanding of the foreshore area there appears to be three options available for Council, these options are:-

- Option 1. Do Nothing – This option was the decision made by Council in 2009 and it does not appear that there have been any reported incidents in the past seven years.
- Option 2. Formalise Pedestrian Movement. Install Signs – This option would stop the haphazard pedestrian movements in the boat ramp area by installing fencing on the ramp along the playground wall and from the caravan park entrance to the ramp restricting pedestrians from the caravan park to exiting at the rear of the PVSC building. This would effectively provide a crossing point in line with the footpath on Marine Parade. This crossing point could then be linemarked accordingly. Signing would need to be installed to direct pedestrians to the crossing point which would be much safer and clearly visible to motorists manoeuvring trailers.

Further signing could be installed highlighting the boundary between the swimming area and the boat ramp. This signing could be similar to that used on the beach to the north of the wharf which works quite effectively in separating swimmers from motorised boats. These safety improvements are detailed on the attached drawing.

- Option 3. Close the Boat Ramp to the Public – This is the option that is being proposed by Council and is considered to be a last resort option. This option will dramatically change the amenity of Port Vincent for both tourists and locals alike. This option should only be considered after safety improvements have been installed and recorded incidents are occurring. At present there does not appear to be recorded incidents occurring.

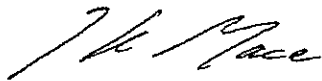
6. CONCLUSIONS

The use of the foreshore boat ramp is important for a large number of users covering a full range of water sports. Closing this boat ramp will not only create issues for these users but will have a flow on effect to the users of the marina boat ramp which is already running at or above capacity during busy times.

The option of closing the boat ramp is considered a last resort after other improvements have failed rather than the only alternative being proposed by Council.

With my knowledge of the area during both busy and quieter times, I consider that Council should undertake either Option 2 detailed above or the do nothing approach as in 2009 (Option 1). Implementing Option 2 is preferable as it will address the risks that are present by separating the pedestrians from the cars on the boat ramp and also be addressing the need for separation between the swimming and boat launching areas.

I would be prepared to address Council on the points raised above if required.



Trevor K Mace **MIEAust, CPEng**
DIRECTOR
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YORKE PENINSULA Council,

ATTENTION MR PHIL HERRMANN

Regard to closing off the PT Vincent FORESHORE
at Ramp. I have been living in Pt Vincent
in the last 42 years and have never ever
heard of anyone being knocked down on the boat
ramp. As we launch our Boat I always
itch behind as my son usually backs the
vices down and we haven't had a problem.
The people do have difficulty in ~~backing~~ backing
in STRAIGHT and some only have these gear
at the waters edge which does cause some
inconvenience.

When we do not have a Reverse gear in our
boat and it is easier to turn it around on the
ch. sand area. Up to 3 at a time can also
launch or retrieve there as well.

The caravan park people also put there boats in and
put there car and trailer back in the park.
Have seen the marina park full and if we all
go to park there then there will be ^{WONT} enough
room for us all to park, plus you can only
launch or retrieve one ~~boat~~ boat at a
time at the marina.

Boat ramp at the marina is at times very
slippery and is too steep and I have told by

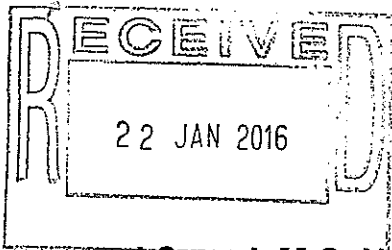
different ones that they've nearly lost their
- and trailer as the ramp is so steep
well as the slippery quite often.
The only thing wrong with sailing club
ramp is when you are ~~Retrieving~~ RETREIVING your
boat on a NORTH or NTH Easterly it can
- very awkward, but on a Southerly it is
easy and we can only launch & retrieve
when the tide is high enough as well.

please give us and lots of others the
right to still launch there at the sailing
club.

YOURS TRULY

TERENCE LESKE

S. IT COSTS LESS AT THE SAILING CLUB
ALSO



J.S and M.C. HORWOOD

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As a dual resident of Port Vincent and Adelaide it is my concern that the Council has not taken into account the increase in parking at the marina . It is not lawful for boat crew to be in the Boat when being towed, that means additional transport to the Marina.

It is my understanding that the Town Boat Ramp was built by local people for the local people and it is not up to the Council to close it.

Yours

J S HORWOOD

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Port Vincent boat ramp proposed closure

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Yorke Peninsula Council

To Whom it may concern,

We are writing to object to the closure of the Port Vincent Foreshore Boat Ramp at 20 Marine parade ,Port Vincent.
We are strongly against the closure for the following reasons:-

- 1.We have been launching our boat at this ramp for 50 odd years and in that time do not recall any accident occurring.
 - 2.Sailing Club & Aquatic people launching their craft use motor vehicles the same as locals and caravan park people so why is their risk less.
 - 3.In holiday times the Marina ramp car park is full so where do the people currently using the foreshore ramp park their vehicles. People are already queuing to launch and retrieve their boats at present at the Marina ramp so this will only cause more angst among boaties.
 - 4.I have personally fallen flat on my back causing injury because of the slippery algae surface on the marina ramps.
 - 5.We already pay an annual launching fee at the Foreshore ramp and are more than happy to do so.
 - 6.One of the real features of the Port Vincent Foreshore Caravan Park is that holiday makers can launch their boats and park their vehicles back at their site.
 - 7.A lot of people will not be staying in the park if this closure goes ahead meaning losses to the businesses in Port Vincent.
- If council is so worried about injury occurring ,we think the erection of permanent bollards on the north and south ends of the Sailing Club and the north east of the playground would allow beach goers good visibility of vehicles launching and retrieving their boats.

Yours faithfully,

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Bronte and Jill Mumford

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PORT VINCENT FORESHORE BOAT RAMP
THE PROPOSAL TO RESTRICT VEHICLE ACCESS
TO THE BOAT RAMP IN MY OPINION IS A
WRONG MOVE FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS

THE SAILING CLUB AND AQUATICS ONLY USE
THIS AREA FOR PART OF THE YEAR AND
TO GIVE THEM ACCESS DISCRIMINATES AGAINST
THE PUBLIC AND CARAVAN PARK PATRONS WHO
SPEND IN TOTAL LARGE AMOUNTS OF MONEY
IN THIS TOURIST RELIANT TOWN, IF IT IS
CLOSED TO ONE THEN CLOSE IT TO ALL

THE BOAT RAMP HAS OPERATED FOR ABOUT
SIXTY YEARS, AND I CANNOT RECALL THERE
BEING A PEDESTRIAN ACCIDENT, IT MAY
BE OF INTEREST TO COUNCIL THAT UP TO THE
1990'S THIS BEACH AREA WAS FAR BUSIER IN
SUMMER HOLIDAYS THAN NOW, THERE WERE A LOT
OF BOATS USING THIS RAMP IN DAY GONE BY
THERE WAS AT ONE TIME A SIGN ON THE
PLAYGROUND WALL, SWIMMING TO THE WEST
BOATS TO THE EAST, I CAN REMEMBER
THESE DAYS OF LARGE NUMBERS OF FISHING
SAILING AND SKI BOATS USING THIS RAMP

LATE DECEMBER THE PARKING AREA AT
THE MARINA WAS FULL ALL 48 SPACES PLUS
19 CARS AND TRAILERS IN THE STREETS NEAR
THE CARAVAN PARK AS WELL AS TRAILERS IN
HOUSE YARDS AND CARAVAN PARKS, NOWHERE
FOR THESE TO PARK AT THE MARINA

MANY PARK PATRONS ARE NOT IMPRESSED WITH THE AQUATICS USE OF THE AREA, BOAT TRAILERS SPREAD AROUND THE BEACH, RESCUE CRAFT PARKED NEXT TO THE BOAT RAMP MAKING QUITE HARD FOR ELDERLY PEOPLE TO RETRIEVE BOATS, MOST WOULD LAUNCH BEFORE THE BEACH IS BUSY, ALSO MANY YEARS AGO TIDY TOWNS GROUP BUILT A TABLE AND SEATING UNDER SHADE BY THE KIOSK FOR AQUATICS STUDENTS TO USE INSTEAD OF THE BBQ AREA, THE PROGRESS ASS HAVE ASKED THAT THEY USE IT BUT TO NO AVAIL, FIRST TIME TOURIST WOULD NOT BE HAPPY BEING UNABLE TO USE THE BBQ AREA, AFTER ALL AQUATICS OFFICIALS SHOULD BE IN CONTROL OF THEIR STUDENTS FOR SAFETY PURPOSES

THIS IS THE ONLY MAJOR TOWN ON THE EASTERN SIDE OF THE PENINSULA TO HAVE A BOAT RAMP ON THE BEACH BOATIES LIKE TO PULL UP ON THE SAND WHERE THERE IS NO HASSLE OR RUSH TO LAUNCH OR RETRIEVE 4 BOATS AT A TIME CAN DO THIS

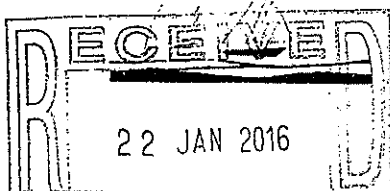
I AM AVAILABLE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS AND SPEAK AT THE COUNCIL MEETING WHEN THIS ISSUE IS DISCUSSED

JOHN BUTTFIELD

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JB

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Re Port Vincent Community Boat Ramp – Public Consultation

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Distribution

At its recent meeting the PVPA discussed the future of the Community Boat Ramp on our foreshore near the Sailing Club. Council has requested public opinion on it proposed restricted use.

After much discussion our Progress Association decided that the only realistic outcome was to maintain the status quo and continue to operate the ramp under certain conditions and seek a more equitable and permanent solution in the medium to longer term.

Although this decision is at odds to Councils current approach to restrict public use in order to minimize exposure to an accident and possible litigation, the reality is that the ramp is and has for many years been safely utilized by several different groups of people and organisations all of whom have long standing and seemingly justifiable right of access.

In particular where is the equity in allowing sailing club access and denying the same access to the general public and Caravan Park patron's.

However, the ramp is in fact part of a popular, but ageing, public recreational area frequented by many people including family groups and young children and the potential for a catastrophic event cannot be ignored.

Council should note the general area in which the ramp is situated, is proposed to be substantially upgraded and improved in our Urban Development Plan.

Port Vincent Progress Association feels sure a more equitable outcome might be achievable by the joint investment of the Sailing Club, Council and our Association via this planned development.

In particular PVPA recommends the following:

- A. Restrict public beachfront access from the area of the ramp eastwards to small boats users, possibly via some form of physical barrier eg. a small brick wall
- B. Seek a longer term solution by providing a new ramp on the eastern side of the Sailing Club under the direct control of the town run Caravan Park as a fundamental part of the towns Urban Development Plan. This of course would require funding support.

Trusting this assists.

Steve Cornwell, President
Per Beth Fairlie

B. Fairlie

Gary Wilson
4 Beeston St
Port Vincent SA

Re: Port Vincent Foreshore Boat Ramp
Yorke Peninsula Council
Maitland SA

Dear Andrew,

The Yorke Peninsula Council **should not** restrict the public from launching boats with a motor vehicle from the Port Vincent Foreshore Boat Ramp.

I have been using the PV Foreshore Ramp for over 50 years, during recent years making approximately 40 launches and retrievals per year. I also enjoy sitting in the kiosk watching the ramp. I take school children to participate in the Aquatics Programme there and have also taught Aquatics there. During the many hours spent at the ramp vicinity, at no time have I ever witnessed any incidents where safety has been a concern because of vehicle use – in fact the ramp seems to have a much more cooperative and friendly atmosphere than at the Marina Ramp at times! **Why close it?**

The Port Vincent Aquatics team, by DECD regulation, need to record “near miss” incidents, ie incidents where safety is compromised. I would like to know if any of these relate to the public use of the ramp. Due diligence by the YP Council would see this checked. **Are there any? If not, why close the ramp?**

School students using the ramp area during Aquatic sessions are, at all times, supposed to be under the control of teachers and/or Aquatic instructors. Surely it is the responsibility of the adults in charge to keep the students safe by supervising them! Leaders should be with their students when walking across the ramp – at other times students should be receiving their tuition away from the ramp area. **Proper supervision by teachers and instructors would eliminate any significant risk!**

During this year (January holiday time) I have been observing the ramp even more closely. Even during busy afternoon periods when many people are on the beach, boat launching and retrievals have been carried out responsibly and safely. These busy periods have been very infrequent – often the ramp is vacant. **Why change?**

Launching from the Foreshore Ramp is much safer for me than from the Marina Ramp. Having recently undergone knee-replacement surgery, launching from the Marina Ramp is difficult – getting into and out of the boat from the pontoon is both painful and unsafe for me. I have a high chance of

slipping and falling there whereas the Foreshore Ramp allows me to step in from the sand posing no problems at all. There are many others – hip/knee recipients and the elderly especially – in the same situation as myself. **The Foreshore ramp is safer for us!**

Several small dingy owners have made comments about how much more danger of slipping and falling and capsizing there is for them at the Marina Ramp where again, having to step out and down into the boat causes problems. There are no such problems at the Foreshore Ramp. **Keep it open!**

I believe (as told to me by the YP Compliance officer) that while general public vehicles would be restricted from the ramp, PVSC and PVAC vehicles would be permitted. This would cause huge controversy! This would imply that they do not pose any risk but the public does! Would they be able to use the ramp whenever they like or just during 'their' hours? If this was the case, the ramp becomes an elitist property – hardly what Port Vincent needs, and **hardly fair!**

The Foreshore ramp is a Port Vincent institution. To sit in the kiosk or on the sand or in the shelter or in the Caravan Park watching beach goers and boats is one of the "things you do". **The Foreshore Ramp must stay open to the public!**

Yours sincerely,

Gary Wilson

Corporate Email Address

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From: 27 JAN 2016 Michael Green <gunnado31@bigpond.com>

Sent: Tuesday, 26 January 2016 6:53 PM

To: Corporate Email Address

Subject: Submission Restricted Use of Port Vincent Foreshore Boat Ramp

Preamble

I am not a resident of either Port Vincent or the Yorke Peninsular Council area but have been a visitor to Port Vincent for several years throughout all seasons.

At the beginning of this year I had the fortune to take my small dingy to Port Vincent and used the Port Vincent Foreshore Boat Ramp on two occasions both in the evening to go garfish "dabbing" off the beach. I used a motor vehicle to launch my motorised dingy. On one occasion there was only one other user of the boat ramp and on both occasions no other user of the beach area close to the ramp.

Following this experience I had planned to use both this ramp and the protected waters of the bay for further boating experiences. In addition to this I had planned to bring a three man canoe and a small sailing dingy to Port Vincent for use by my extended family and grandchildren when they frequently visit and stay in Port Vincent. Both the sailing dingy and the canoe require close access to the water's edge using a motor vehicle to carry the vessels into the water. Carrying them from the road to the waters edge is not feasible.

The use of the Marina Boat Ramp presents a safety issue for these three craft as it would require them got out into the exposed waters before going to a from the sheltered bay area. It could be considered irresponsible to take such vessels from the Marina area to the foreshore area. The Marina area and launch ramp is designed for larger and seagoing vessels.

To restrict use of the Foreshore ramp to only PVSC and PVAC members only on those occasions when they have an activity would rule out any future use by my craft by myself or extended family in Port Vincent. I will need to find areas other than Port Vincent or perhaps Yorke Peninsular.

Submission

1. Restricting to the membership of the two associations suggest that they are more responsible drivers and boat handlers that the general public or that they have some privileges that the rest of the community has not.

2. Closing the boat ramp to public use using a motor vehicle to launch will mean that craft that are unsuitable to launching at Marina will be put at increased risk just to use the foreshore area. Is this what is intended.

3. Having walked through this area in peak use times and seeing pedestrians, beach goers, boating people, caravan park people and general motorists in the area it would appear that there exists a high if not higher risk to them of a catastrophic incident occurring. Such an incident exists irrespective of restricting public use of the ramp.

4. Unless such a proposal is to give a privileged right to a small group of people, members of PVSC and PVAC, then would it not be more appropriate to devise ways in which all users of the road and beach area could have a decrease risk of serious injury. The use of joint local and state government funding (boat license fees) to :

(a) add signage, guard rails, bollards , kerbing etc to limit motor vehicles to a narrower use of the beach area as feasible and to reduce the risk of beach goers crossing the area without seeing vehicles loading or unloading boats.

(b) look at people and vehicle movements including parking in the road areas adjacent to the ramp to reduce risk of both vehicle and pedestrian accidents through the use of better traffic management practices.

5. Limiting the size of boats that require a motor vehicle to launch and retrieve would have the effect of reducing numbers of public user of the ramp. Excluded larger boats still can access the Marina ramp and safely exit to the greater sea area.

I thank you for the opportunity to make a submission and trust that the Council gives an open and considered decision that achieve a good outcome for all.

regards

Michael and Marie Green
PO Box 332 Williamstown SA 5351

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Dear Mr Herrmann,

I am a Ratepayer at Port Vincent and own 2 trailer sailor yachts and a power boat, all of which I pay boat registration fees that include a levy for the provision of boat ramps and other marine facilities.

I prefer to launch my trailer sailers at the Port Vincent Foreshore Boat Ramp, of course I need to launch these vessels with the use of a motor vehicle. I then sail these vessels around the bay and do not go anywhere near the Marina as these vessels can be difficult to manoeuvre with precision inside the marina. I prefer to launch my power boat at the Marina.

Having spent a few weeks at Port Vincent this Christmas and New year period I noticed on several days that the Marina Car park was full to overflowing with vehicles with trailers parked on footpaths and every other place they could find. I noticed that the vehicle/trailer parks adjacent to the Foreshore Caravan Park were full and a number of vehicles and trailers were taken into the Caravan Park after their owners launched at the foreshore boat ramp. I also noticed that a number of vehicles with trailers were parked in private premises adjacent to the foreshore boat ramp. How does Council propose to provide parking spaces at the Marina for the displaced vehicles/boat trailers from the Foreshore Boat Ramp?

I have been coming to Port Vincent for some 45 years with my kids and now grand kids during the busiest time of the year and have never had an issue with people launching at the Foreshore Boat Ramp with motor vehicles.

As an Elected Member for the District Council of Ceduna, I have been involved in the provision of a new boat ramp with floating pontoons at the Puckridge boat ramp, we retained our old ramps as a significant number of older boats have trouble getting into their vessels from a floating pontoon and much prefer a boat ramp. How does Council propose to provide infrastructure at the Marina pontoons that will enable older boats with arthritis and other aged disabilities to safely get into and out of their vessels at the Marina pontoons?

If say a conservative 25% more people are forced to use the Marina boat ramp, does Council propose to enlarge the Marina ramp with the provision of more floating pontoons so that more boats can be launched or retrieved in a reasonable time frame? Having spent quite a number of my 30yrs in SAPOL in the Water Police it was quite evident by the nature of some of the tasks we were despatched to, that people get very impatient to launch their vessels and equally impatient to retrieve and thing can get very aggressive very quickly if people get held up for long periods of time. Has Council given consideration to this?

If people have bad experiences at the Marina Boat Ramp due to overcrowding and then decide to holiday elsewhere, has Council considered the ramifications on the Small Business Operators in the small community of Port Vincent?

If Council has received funds from the Recreational Boating Facilities Levy to build or otherwise maintain the Foreshore Boat Ramp, then there may be contractual obligations on Council to continue to provide full access to the Ramp.

Needless to say I am opposed to any restriction on the use of Motor Vehicles to launch vessels from the Foreshore Boat Ramp. With the ever increasing number of boats on or travelling to the Yorke Peninsular I cannot see the sense in reducing the number of places from which vessels can be launched.

If the action under consideration is as a result of pressure from organisations, (who probably do not pay the Recreational Boating Levy) then there is nothing to stop them from applying for grants to develop their own facility in another area, or at least provide some form of safety barriers to be placed out alongside of the Foreshore Boat Ramp during their periods of activity.

I am more than willing to appear before Council on the matter, I would need some lead time though as I live 800km away.

Kind Regards
Peter Codrington
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We are emailing to let you know that we have heard you may be closing the boat ramp at Port Vincent near the Sailing Club. We come here twice a year 12 weeks all in all , and we would hate to have to go to another place to launch our boat. Not only that if alot of other people do the same it's less money going into the Town, we hope you under stand our situation .

From Lyn Trevor Anderson 4A Glenavon Street Woodville South 5011

Sent from Samsung tablet

We are emailing to let you know that we have heard you may be closing the boat ramp at Port Vincent near the Sailing Club. We come here twice a year 1 weeks all in all , and we would hate to have to go to another place to launch our boat. Not only that if alot of other people do the same it's less money going into the Town, we hope you under stand our situation .

From Lyn Trevor Anderson 4A Glenavon Street Woodville South 5011

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Dear Councillors

We wish to state our objection to the proposed closure of the Port Vincent Foreshore Boat Ramp.

It is our understanding that the boat ramp was put in for the benefit of the local community and the yacht club. It is unreasonable and grossly unfair to forbid the community the use of the boat ramp whilst allowing the yacht club access.

Many people who stay at the Caravan Park use the boat ramp and will be disadvantaged if the planned closure goes ahead. Some use the marina boat ramp but those with small boats and those who fish one to a boat find this ramp difficult to manage. Many of us spend up to three months each year holidaying at Pt Vincent and we believe that our views should be considered as we contribute to and feel part of the community. There is general talk around the Caravan Park that if the closure goes ahead some will choose to holiday elsewhere and that would severely affect your tourist numbers. That in turn would affect turnover for local shopkeepers and those with holiday rentals. In all the years we have been coming to Port Vincent we have not seen or heard of any safety issues with the Foreshore Boat Ramp.

We can see no solid, valid or fair reason to close the ramp and request that the council vote against the closure.

Yours Sincerely,
Margaret and Pat Cannizzaro
9Hammond Road
Findon
SA 5023

Sent from my iPad

Pt Vincent Foreshore Boat Ramp

I wish to address the proposal to restrict the public access to the Pt Vincent Foreshore Boat Ramp and record my objection to this proposed restriction. The council has stated that their main reason for this proposal is a matter of safety for the users of the adjacent beach and playground.

Firstly, as you well know, the playground is fenced and the only access is on its western boundary. I fail to see where any vehicle accessing the ramp causes a risk to children using the playground as it is fenced and in the northeast corner is at least a metre above the ramp.

From my observations (I spend three months of the year at Pt Vincent in the foreshore Caravan Pk on the front row), I find the beachgoers tend to congregate west of the kiosk especially children who swim out to the floating platform. The people who use the ramp tend to beach their boats very near to the ramp and there are never a large number of boats there at any one time (save for a sudden change in the weather which may bring boat owners to return in a hurry). Also we are talking about a very small number of boats that continue to use this ramp as compared to the number of boats that use the marina boat ramp including myself.

As it has been pointed out, a number of people staying at the caravan park use the ramp for convenience. I would like to point out that a number of these are interstate visitors who use the ramp and have small collapsible boat trailers which are not designed to travel any distance. If these people are forced to use the marina boat ramp, there may be the problem of damage caused to these small trailers. Those on pensions may find the cost of launching daily at the marina inhibitive.

I am very concerned that if people with small tinnies (particularly interstate visitors) are forced to launch at the marina, they may for convenience launch once and have their boats anchored along the area facing the beachfront caravans for their entire stay. This would cause considerable problems for people who may want to swim in this area between the groyne and the sailing club. The majority of people that come to the park fish and many do not have boats. They would be hindered trying to fish off the steps in this area (which is the most popular fishing area of the park) due to anchored boats and anchor ropes. I would think that possibly Council would not have the authority to prevent this outcome.

Turning to the safety of people actually in the water, the only craft that I have observed travelling at speeds far greater than the 4 knot limit are the boats attached to the PVAC be they rescuing children or just flying around the bay. Their argument may be that they need to reach children in difficulties in a hurry but from my observations, most of the time, these children are only ever waist deep in the water. so I would dismiss that argument.

At the end of the day Port Vincent is a prime fishing holiday destination and any limits imposed on visitors accessing this ramp could paint a negative picture and possibly deter visitors from returning to Port Vincent which would not only impact on the caravan park, but also on the local traders in the town that rely on holiday trade.

Paul Robinson

26th January 2016

PORT VINCENT FORESHORE BOAT RAMP

SUMMARY

I propose that the Port Vincent Foreshore Boat Ramp remain open for general public use as currently applies.

My reasons are as follows:

- Some of the busiest times (and hence have greater potential for an accident) are on PVSC and PVAC event days
- The Marina ramp has reduced the usage of the foreshore ramp therefore diminishing the risk
- No history of accidents
- Public liability risk to council is covered in the same way all other council property is
- Closing the ramp could reduce the appeal of Port Vincent to tourists
- If for some reason a risk is perceived or there are additional issues, these can be dealt with in alternative ways other than closure of the ramp

SEE BELOW FOR MORE DETAILED EXPLANATIONS OF THESE POINTS

BUSIEST TIMES

From my observations (from the front row of the caravan park), some of the busiest times at the ramp are PVSC Sunday race days or setting up for and retrieving equipment for the PVAC. One would assume that the busiest times are the times of most likelihood of an accident, yet these two bodies are to continue to have unrestricted use of the ramp.

If Council are really concerned about safety the logical thing to do would be to close the ramp entirely for all vehicles and have all small boats/equipment wheeled down

RELATIVE USAGE

As the general population has become more affluent the average size of their boats has increased proportionately. This has resulted in most of these boats being launched at the mariner as this ramp is more suited to the larger boats.

During the peak period Christmas to New Year, the boat trailer park at the mariner was full to overflowing. Each of these boats represented one less that was launched at the foreshore ramp. As a consequence, I suspect that the overall usage at the foreshore ramp has in fact diminished over the years. This is further borne out by the fact that in the past, anchoring spots for 'tinnies' in front of the caravan park was at a premium, whereas now there are relatively few. 'Tinnies' are generally the main users of the foreshore ramp.

"IMMINENT CATASTROPHIC EVENT"

A notice was placed in the public notice board in the main street of Port Vincent alerting the public to "Imminent catastrophic event" if the foreshore ramp is not restricted in use.

I have been camping at the Foreshore Caravan Park since 1948 and to my knowledge no such event has occurred.

The decision to restrict the use of the ramp should take into consideration past events just as worksite OHSW uses past events to modify practices and behaviour.

67 years without a "catastrophic event" doesn't preclude the possibility of one happening, but it does indicate that past practices are not urgently in need of modification.

PUBLIC LIABILITY

When arriving at Port Vincent this season, it was suggested to us that the problem of public liability was a major issue in regards to the planned restrictions.

If this were the case then all ramps in council districts would be affected. Our own council (LWDC) in the Riverland has a number of ramps right along their stretch of the Murray. Rather than closing or restricting their use they are in fact upgrading them to encourage more tourists to the area for skiing etc.

TOURISM

Tourism relies on many factors to attract people to an area. If the convenience of the foreshore ramp to the caravan park and accommodation in the town is removed, it eliminates one point of difference to other towns or districts.

HIDDEN AGENDAS

On speaking to other ramp users, the general feeling is that safety may not be the real reason for the changes. Their suspicions may well be unfounded but they exist none-the-less.

Two schools of thought exist. The first argues that the real motive for the changes are that the council wants to force people to use the mariner ramp so that all fees can be collected. The council promulgated 'PUBLIC CONSULTATION REPORT' may have given this view some credence with the statement "The use of the foreshore boat ramp has been a contentious issue since the opening of the new Marina boat ramp in 2004." As discussed in 'RELATIVE USAGE', the new ramp should have increased the safety at the old ramp such that it should have become a less "contentious issue".

For some time fees were collected at both the ramps and some people still chose to use the foreshore ramp for the convenience. Either the proximity swayed them, or the problem of climbing down from a pontoon into a small boat. If fees are a consideration, then collection systems at both ramps would negate the problem and allow boat-owners to choose.

The second theory is that the PVSC and PVAC want the convenience of exclusive use of the ramp for Sunday racing and aquatic activities.

As stated previously, these activities are quite busy and present a similar risk to the ramp use by the general public. Further, why should a general ban prevent use on 6 days of the week just so that a special group has unfettered use on 1 day of the week?

I urge the council to carefully consider all submissions and apply an even-handed approach to their decision and not be disproportionately swayed by any one interest group.

Whilst there could justifiably be some concerns as to the proximity of the ramp to the playground and the beach, a knee-jerk reaction may not result in the best solution.

The playground is well fenced so should not present a great problem. Beach users in the main tend to gather west of the kiosk and in front of the caravan park, so again, are perhaps not such a great problem.

From my observations, the main danger occurs when occasionally a driver (from various groups) comes down the ramp at an inappropriate speed. This problem could readily be overcome by the use of speed restricting humps.

I consider that my views are relatively balanced as the proposed changes will have very little impact on me. For although I own a boat, I launch at the beginning of our stay and retrieve it at the end of our stay. Thus a trip to the mariner ramp and the small charge would be of little consequence.

Rather, I am writing to give my views in the hope that common sense will prevail rather than the current fashion of banning all activities that might contain the slightest risk.

I wish you well in your deliberations,

Roger Palamountain
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PROPOSAL TO RESTRICT THE USE OF THE PORT VINCENT FORESHORE BOAT RAMP

Corporate Email Address

From: Daryl and Leeanne <dldawe@live.com.au>
Sent: 27 JAN 2016 Monday, 25 January 2016 9:13 PM
To: Corporate Email Address
Cc: Daryl and Leeanne
Subject: PROPOSAL TO RESTRICT THE USE OF THE PORT VINCENT FORESHORE BOAT RAMP

Dear committee, I would like to object to the proposal to restrict the use of the Port Vincent foreshore boat ramp. I am a rate payer in Port Vincent at 8 Bennett Street and use this ramp through out the year to launch my small boat (tinny). My family have been using this ramp for over 30 years. I believe that launching boats here is no more dangerous than launching sail boats.

I have tried using the boat ramp at the marina several times but have found it difficult to launch and dangerous in trying to step into my tinny. I also find it dangerous in that my wife has actually slipped and hurt herself on the ramp.

At the marina I have also seen that on busy days the car parking area is full and would not accommodate everyone if the ramp at the foreshore was not available.

I also feel the parking fees at the marina are too high and fear that if this was the only place to launch these costs would escalate. This also goes against attracting holiday makers. In saying this I am not against paying a fee to use the foreshore ramp and would do if implemented. My family and I have been buying the boat stickers each year.

Hopeing to continue using the foreshore boat ramp. Thankyou for listening to my feedback.

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27 JAN 2016

From: Phil Radoslovich <phil.radoslovich@bigpond.com>
Sent: Monday, 25 January 2016 5:47 PM
To: Corporate Email Address
Subject: PtVincent town boat ramp

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To Andrew Cameron: I wish to argue for retention of the ramp next to the sailing club. In addition to being very convenient it is needed for the volume of power boats that launch from Vincent as parking is often very difficult to find at the marina. I often launch from the town ramp and park at my house which is not possible if I had to walk 2.5 km back to the boat. Swimmers and boats can mix with care on the part of all concerned. Rgds Phil Radoslovich

Corporate Email Address

From: 15 JAN 2016 Beverley Riggs <bevronriggs@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, 15 January 2016 2:47 PM
To: Corporate Email Address
Subject: Port Vincent ramp closure

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We have recently became aware that use of the Port Vincent foreshore boat ramp is to be restricted from public use.

We are longtime visitors to the Foreshore caravan park, 40 plus years, and as small boat owners for 35 years appreciate the locality and safeness of this ramp. We spend 3 months of the year here.

Any change to the usage of this ramp will be detrimental to the local, park and other tourists to the town.

If this restriction is just to suit one organization this is grossly unfair.

Should there be any public meetings we would like to be informed.

Thanking you.

Yours in anticipation.

Bev and Ron Riggs

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From: Kathleen Schutt <kgsch@internode.on.net>
Sent: 18 JAN 2016 Sunday, 17 January 2016 2:31 PM
To: Corporate Email Address
Cc: Kathleen Schutt
Subject: Proposed Closure Port Vincent Foreshore Boat Ramp

We wish to register our dismay at the Yorke Peninsula Council's plan to close the foreshore boat ramp to people who launch their boat by motor vehicle.

We have been rate payers for more than thirty years & have used this facility, without any adverse incident, for most of this period.

As far as we are aware there have been no accidents in this area. We always ensure that someone is on guard to make sure that the area is clear.

The marina ramp does not cater adequately for the holiday period users even when the foreshore ramp is also being used. One can easily imagine an even more chaotic situation if this closure goes ahead.

There are sure to be more interpersonal problems between those wanting to launch & retrieve.

On the few occasions that we have used the marina ramp we have found launching very difficult due to the steepness & the dangerous slippery surface resulting in a couple of bruising falls.

A young friend slipped & fell & was quite badly hurt.

Speaking to other boat users we find that this is a common occurrence.

We are in our seventies, still enjoy our fishing & hope to continue to do so.

We believe that any perceived problems at the foreshore ramp can be easily overcome with a common sense approach & that this facility should be available to all & not restricted to a privileged few.

Yours sincerely

Garry Schutt

Kay Schutt

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Port Vincent

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From:
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Port Vincent foreshore boat ramp

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Dear Sir,

Since we have moved to Port Vincent we have used the Marina boat ramp mainly because we have a bigger boat now and don't have to rely on the tides to launch and retrieve. However we've used the foreshore boat ramp a lot while staying in the caravan park and found it most convenient.

The majority of boats launched there are small dinghy's some are rooftop ones, can you imagine the congestion at the Marina launching those? most of them take ages to get ready!

In holiday times the congestion at the marina boat ramp is already such that most local people don't even bother to go fishing, on numerous occasions there have been arguments and even punch ups, mainly because visitors who might only use their boats occasionally either don't know the rules or are too impatient to wait their turn

Closing the foreshore boat ramp will escalate that by causing more congestion both on the ramps and in the car park!

If council is prepared to add one or, ideally, two more ramps in the Marina and extend the car park it would work, but as the situation is now, by restricting boat launching at the foreshore boat ramp council will only exchange one problem for another.

We understand council's concern in regard to safety, maybe some kind of barrier fence to keep pedestrians and swimmers away from the ramp would work, it would certainly be the cheaper option!

Kind regards

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From: Darren Riggs <Darren.Riggs@hrproducts.com.au>
Sent: 20 JAN 2016 Tuesday, 19 January 2016 5:09 PM
To: Corporate Email Address
Subject: Port Vincent Foreshore Boat Ramp

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Hi Phil

I am disappointed to hear that you wish to close the boat ramp to all people who launch their boat by a motor vehicle.

The ramp has been their for probably near on a 100 years. I have personally launched there probably 100 times over the last 10 years and have never seen an issue with it.

I will not pay fees down at the marina when I holiday in the caravan park and so will look at an alternative town to holiday in if this changes. The council gets my money for that through the park. Fees there more than cover costs of a bit of power and water and up keep on a boat ramp.

Why change something that has no need to be changed!

Don't change things because you and your council need to be seen as doing something to justify the position you hold!

Why don't you think about acting for the betterment of the community instead of just closing things down !

Change your views on this please and don't act like a typical government body !

Regards,
Darren (IPad)

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Port Vincent Foreshore Boat Ramp Consultation

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Attention: Phil Herrmann – Senior Compliance Officer

Dear Phil,

- I have been a regular user of the boat ramp adjacent to the yacht club since 1980.
- During this time I have not seen or heard of any major accidents on or around the ramp area.
- The ramp is a very important part of the boating activities of both the locals and tourists.
- The closure of the ramp to the general public would be a major step backwards, firstly for tourism and also ultimately safety.
- The reasoning for this is two-fold. Firstly, people who have a boat in the caravan park tend to find launching at "the town" ramp easy and convenient and can take their car and trailer back to the caravan park afterwards, and thus not add to the congestion in the car parks in the general surrounding area designated for boat trailers. The closure would ultimately force everyone with a boat – big, or small to use the marina ramp which struggles to accommodate the traffic at peak tourist season. I have observed many times where cars with boat trailers have had to park outside the marina car park on any vacant land they can find, which in most cases is private property, or council land.
- With the view to safety concerns the closure of the town ramp to the public is going to cause such an overload at the marina ramp that in my opinion this situation could become disastrous. People are patient, but if they have to wait an hour to launch or retrieve their boats there could be serious ramp rage!
- In the event of any emergency it could also cause serious problems for launching retrieval craft, or marine safety craft.

In summary, I think the closure of the town ramp to the public would be a disaster for Port Vincent, and would ultimately result in dire consequences for both tourism (the lifeblood of the town) and safety for the boating fraternity.

If the council has concerns about the safety of the town ramp why not erect warning signs around the ramp, which at the moment do not exist? There should also be markers clearly designating the area as a boat ramp.

I would also like to add my indignation at being told that no 2016 launching permits could be purchased for the town ramp. Does this mean the closure to the public is a "done deal"? I would certainly hope not!

Could you also please advise whether the closure would apply to members of the yacht club and the people involved in the education departments aquatics for schools? As a ratepayer and owner of two boats, for which I pay a ramp levy to the SA Government I would appreciate a reply via email to my queries. *Thank you.*

Yours sincerely

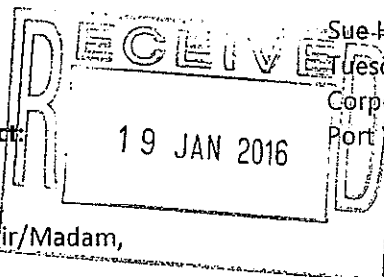
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Corporate Email Address

From: Sue Hall <gregsuehall@bigpond.com>
Sent: Tuesday, 19 January 2016 2:48 PM
To: Corporate Email Address
Subject: Port Vincent Foreshore Boat Ramp - Yorke Peninsula Council



Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the proposal *To restrict the use of the Port Vincent foreshore boat ramp.*

Obviously council is aware that the Public consultation process is *extremely important* and valuable to ensure that all parties are happy with the outcome.

Firstly I would like to give you a brief background of my "relationship" with the beautiful township of Port Vincent:

- My husband and I began visiting Port Vincent as holiday makers in the early 1980's
- We have since purchased a property in the area, and as we are now semi-retired we spend our time between Adelaide and Port Vincent.
- I am not a "boatie" – I prefer to be swimming.
- However, my husband is an avid fisherman and uses both the marina ramp *and* the foreshore ramp.
- In the years when our children were growing up the old boat ramp was used more than it is currently – and as far as I am aware *without any incidents whatsoever.*

I understand that council is required to look into the suggested "issues", or as I have seen mentioned recently in advertisements in one of the shop windows in Port Vincent, the "potential catastrophic incident" – which I feel is a huge over exaggeration!

My "neutral" and "non-inflammatory" observations are:

1. The current combined usage of both ramps could not be sustained with the use of the marina boat ramp only – car parking is insufficient, and the "waiting times" for launching and retrieving are already excessive.
2. The old boat ramp has not had any "issues", and has worked well (in conjunction with the swimming fraternity) for over 40 years.
3. The tourism for the town is reliant on "boaties" bringing their families for holidays.

In conclusion, I feel that *if council undertook some safety measures/upgrades to the old boat ramp then all parties would be happy with the result.*

These could include yellow zig zag lines on the ramp area, perhaps a couple of bollards to ensure that pedestrians stop and look before walking across the ramp, and perhaps a Stop Sign so that all boat owners stop and look before entering the water. Signage on the beach side of the ramp to explain that launching and retrieving of boats will be taking place (for those new to Port Vincent) would be a good idea also.

Once again thank you for the opportunity to respond – I am hopeful that Council does not take the "easy option" on this issue, but *ensures that our township has two viable boat ramps.*

Kindest Regards

Sue Hall

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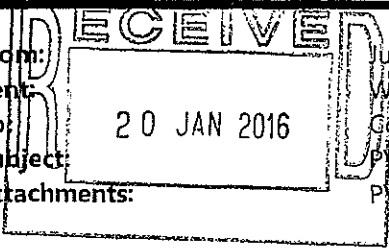
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Corporate Email Address

From: Justin Ragenovich <justin@meddirections.com.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 January 2016 9:52 AM
To: Corporate Email Address
Subject: PV Foreshore Boat Ramp
Attachments: PV Boat Ramp Jan16.docx



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Good Morning

Please find attached my submission concerning the Port Vincent Foreshore Boat Ramp.

Can you please confirm receipt by return email. Thank you!

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Justin & Zoe Ragenovich
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Mr Andrew Cameron
Chief Executive Officer
Yorke Peninsula Council

Re: Port Vincent Foreshore Boat Ramp

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission concerning the above.

It is with concern that I am compelled to provide a written response regarding the Public Consultation Report into the proposal to restrict the use of the Port Vincent Foreshore Boat Ramp.

We purchased our property in Port Vincent on the basis of the variety of options available for water sports and fishing in what we consider to be a safe environment for access to the water for us, our children and others alike. Importantly, access to the bay through the Foreshore Boat Ramp is enjoyed by many for a variety of leisure pursuits. I am sure this is a major drawcard to Port Vincent, particularly those seeking holiday accommodation at the caravan parks and nearby holiday homes.

Since purchasing a larger fishing boat we no longer launch at the Foreshore Ramp, preferring to use the Marina, however we regularly utilise the ramp to drop off our children's kayaks using our trailer to transport the kayaks to the water's edge. By using the ramp this is done safely without our children crossing roads pulling heavy kayaks. Our visitors also use the Foreshore ramp to launch their tinny for fishing with their kids as they are not pressured by the very busy Marina ramp during peak periods with many larger vessels in a significantly tighter area.

This leads me to another matter that has growing concern. The volume of activity of boats being launched and retrieved at the Marina is becoming ridiculous at peak times and I have witnessed some very unsavoury events in the last 12 months. I am positive this is on account of inexperienced people, only one short pontoon at the Marina, combined the rapid growing number of boats using this facility. At times, the car park at the Marina has been full!

The problem will surely be compounded if people with smaller boats who currently use the Foreshore Ramp are forced to use the Marina as the only alternative in Port Vincent.

Rather than dilute the usage of this important asset to the community, it would be prudent to consider pedestrian safety measures such as a crossing across the entry to the ramp, mirrors for pedestrians and motor vehicles and possibly speed humps on the ramp access.

Surely the greater benefit to the community of this much utilised facility accessing one of the best bays on the peninsula must be preserved. The challenge for Council is to develop an alternative plan rather than the easiest.

Again, thank you for the opportunity.

Justin Ragenovich

Corporate Email Address

From: Trevor <trevorgraham1@bigpond.com>
Sent: Friday, 15 January 2016 2:07 PM
To: Corporate Email Address
Subject: Port Vincent Foreshore Boat Ramp



Sent from my iPad

Dear Sir

RE: PORT VINCENT FORESHORE BOAT RAMP

In responding to Council's invitation to comment on the restricted use by the Port Vincent Community of the above mentioned boat ramp, we as rate payers would like to express the following objections to the proposal.

1. The suggestion that this is Council's commitment to "improved engagement" with the community is not perceived in that way by the community. In fact, most residents and visitors alike, in opposing the proposal consider this anything but "improved engagement".
2. Providing exclusive usage to members of the Port Vincent Sailing Club is not, in our opinion in accordance with "improved engagement" with the majority of your rate payers and holiday visitors.
3. The alternative, the Marina Boat Ramp cannot accommodate launchers now on good fishing days. There is insufficient parking and the ramp is treacherous (extremely slippery). We have witnessed several nasty falls by people launching their boats. As such, this could be considered an Occupational Health and Safety issue for the Council. This fear of falling also discourages older fishermen like myself and several close friends from fishing at all due to the risk of an accident occurring at the Marina Ramp. This would have a follow on effect to the businesses operating in the town.
Eg: petrol sales and fishing requirements (bait and tackle) sales

In conclusion we suggest that Council does not proceed with the restriction to limit usage of the Port Vincent Foreshore Boat Ramp, but continue as it has done for the past 40/50 plus years.

Yours sincerely

Trevor Graham, 4 Germein Street, Port Vincent Janice Graham Jeffrey Graham Glenn Graham

15/01/16

PS. PLEASE CONFIRM RECEIPT OF THIS EMAIL

Corporate Email Address

From: Trevor Graham <travjen@icloud.com>
Sent: Friday, 15 January 2016 1:01 PM
To: Corporate Email Address
Subject: Port Vincent Foreshore Boat Ramp

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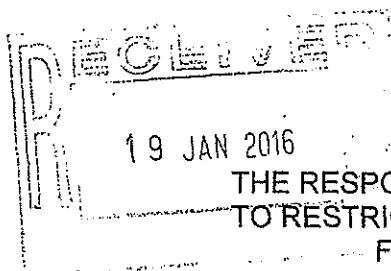
In conclusion, we suggest that Council does not proceed with the restriction to limit usage of the Port Vincent Boat Ramp, but continue as it has done for the past 40/50 plus years.

Yours Sincerely,

Trevor Graham
Janice Graham
Jeffrey Graham
Glenn Graham

4, Germain Street, Port Vincent

PS. Could we please have a confirmation of this Email



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THE RESPONSE OF RONALD A TRINNE TO THE PROPOSAL
TO RESTRICT THE USE OF THE PORT VINCENT PUBLIC
FORESHORE BOAT RAMP 14/1/16

R.A.Trinne
23 Minlacowie Road Port Vincent
5581 Phone 88537290

To : The Chief Executive Officer Andrew Cameron

Sir

As a ratepayer and also a co-user of the Public Ramp over 50 years I must protest the proposed closure to all boats other than those owned by the PVAC and the Sailing Club as it seems the Public Consultation has already taken place with these two groups.

The other boat-owners have no time for the launching facilities in the Marina and the behaviour of some boat launching owners who would have no idea what ramp etiquette is and could not care less.

When the Marina developer and the Councillor during the work up and the construction phase cajoled the Port Vincent Progress Association and the ratepayers to accept the development a ticket machine was never mentioned in any of the documentation. I wonder why?

The ramp closure smells of elite-ism following the construction of the Yachting Clubhouse addition which I personally did not see a Public Consultation notice for its proposed construction but it happened.

In addition this proposal discriminates between the PVSC the PVAC and a handful of veteran fishing boat owners who have a long-time connection to the old ramp going back as far back as the original concrete pours.

The photo on the front of the Council document indicates the amount of useage the ramp gets for many days of the year with long shut down periods for the sailing club, the aquatics and children using the beach.

I believe the following must be considered before many are penalised for the sake of a couple of errant ramp users..
The points on the next page should bring to notice the lack of information available.

1. Has it occurred to Council that there has been very few or no Incidents in the past because there are at 99% of the time two people or more launching or retrieving their boat a driver and observers. Statistics need to be provided of past incidents to justify change.
2. The sailing club has a few trailable yachts that are equal or larger in size and harder to see around than the fishing boats, also use the foreshore public ramp when the issue of safety is considered.
5. The practice of half circle and short backing launching was a product of the Port Vincent Aquatics Club with this practice being adopted by other ramp users. Perhaps the new deck in front of the clubhouse will restrict this sometimes dangerous method until low tide when they can-not launch anyway.
Aquatic supervision is good and at times I have been assisted by members of the Aquatics group when launching conventionally.
6. The restriction proposed is discriminatory and further information needs to be provided before I will be convinced that it needs to happen

If the proposed Public Consultation is a veiled attempt to gather more revenue from a handful of boatowners by forcing them to use the Marina ramp I say "good luck" as monies raised would not even pay for this futile Public Consultation exercise probably brought on by someone with genuine but unrealistic concerns.

With regard to the risk assessment I believe there is a greater risk to ratepayers and visitors having to walk on the roads in Port Vincent because of restricted and unsafe footpaths. The Marina rock walls and the launching pontoon are a far more dangerous playground for children than the beach adjacent to foreshore public ramp.

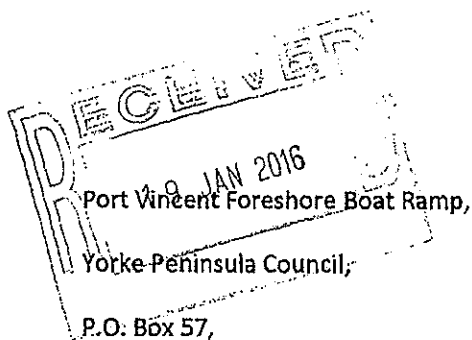
Surely it is the responsibility of parents to care for their children with the ramp being a no go zone as happened with my children and grandchildren.

As a conclusion to the above comments a joint meeting with the DCYP & PVPA and attended by the council executive and the late Mayor Schulz who stated in 2008 that the Public Foreshore Ramp would never be closed to the public.
NO ONE FROM COUNCIL QUESTIONED HIS STATEMENT AT THE TIME.

Yours sincerely Rt Trinne

Ronald A Trinne

I wish to appear before the Council regarding this matter.



P.O. Box 287

MOUNT BARKER, S.A. 5251

14th January, 2016.

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MAITLAND, S.A. 5573

Dear Sir/Madam,

I was most shocked and dismayed to read your notice regarding the Port Vincent Foreshore Boat Ramp. This would seem to be a most retrograde and unnecessary action and one to which I and my family are totally opposed. We cannot see any genuine reason why this should happen as the traffic on the ramp is not excessive and there is no danger to the public. This ramp has operated safely and successfully for many, many years.

My family has been visiting Port Vincent for our Christmas and Easter Holidays for the past 60+ years, and before that, our parents. Our favourite spot on the beach is sitting under the playground wall, from where we can watch the boats come up and down and all the events which happen in the yacht club and on that part of the beach. We have been going out in our boats, setting off from that ramp, for all of that time. During that time, there have been no accidents involving cars, boats or people on that boat ramp. It is a very user friendly and safe ramp.

It is a fine wide ramp, which can accommodate several boats across simultaneously, and, because it is an open, wide ramp, this happens smoothly and without risk. The ramp itself is of a good surface, and does not become slippery and is not too steep.

It also does not become too busy, as, because it is wide, most people do not have to wait too long to use it. We have happily paid the annual fee to use this ramp each year and will also be happy to continue doing this to help with its maintenance.

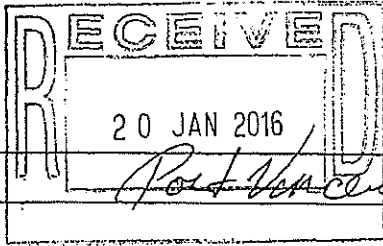
On the other hand, the ones on the other side, the marina ramps, are a huge hazard. A number of people who wish to use a boat ramp have slipped on the algae and been injured. Many people have aging knees or backs and find this ramp dangerous, being too steep and narrow to use safely. I have personally slipped recently, injuring my back and knees. I have previously broken my knee in an accident and have to be very careful on slippery surfaces. In fact even walking down there is tricky. We have avoided using those ramps as they are unsafe. We have also observed that a bottle neck quickly develops, with cars queueing up the top or boats down the bottom, creating quite a waiting list and choking up the roads and car park up on top. Further traffic will only make this worse.

It is quite obvious to us that this area needs both of these ramps to assist with the volume of boats during summer. The new marina ramps are good for the marina itself and bigger boats which need deeper water, whereas the Foreshore ramp is essential for smaller vessels such as those up to about seven metres. We know personally several people who have problems with knees or hips and who are very concerned about slipping on the marina ramps.

In conclusion we appeal to the Yorke Peninsula Council to keep the Foreshore Ramp open and to allow the use of both ramps as both are necessary. Having to travel over to and use only the marina ramps will be seriously inconvenient and involve a great deal more risk for many people, and, having spoken about this to a number of our friends, both holidaymakers and locals, all are completely opposed to the closing of the Foreshore Ramp to motor vehicles and their boats.

Yours sincerely,

David and Vivien Fuller.



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Port Vincent Foreshore Boat ramp

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Attention Mr Phil Stormann

Dear Phil -

I am very much opposed to preventing the public from launching their fishing boats from the foreshore ramp.

My reasons are as follows:

The launching facility at the marina can't cope during any holiday times, leading to shortage of parking areas and a lot of ramp rage. Closing the foreshore ramp will make the current marina facility impossible to accommodate the added traffic etc. The caravan park adjacent to the foreshore ramp will most affected by the closure as most campers have boats. The park is well occupied most of the year, accordingly a lot of boat people will go ~~to~~ elsewhere where better facilities are available.

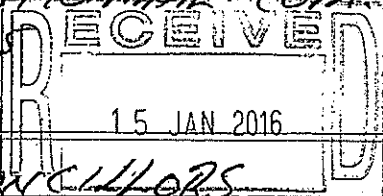
I hope common sense will prevail.

Yours faithfully

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TO THE COUNCILLORS

AS A RESIDENT, RATE PAYER, TAX PAYER RESIDING IN PT VINCENT, I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY STRONG ^{and} OBJECTION AND OPINIONS TO THE RESTRICTED USE OF THE PT VINCENT FORESHORE BOAT RAMP.

'CATASTROPHIC INCIDENT' WHAT AN ALARMING - IRRESPONSIBLE STATEMENT BY COUNCIL

WHY HASN'T COUNCIL TAKEN IMMEDIATE ACTION, CLOSED THE BOAT RAMP TO ALL UNTIL THIS MATTER HAS BEEN RECTIFIED. YOU HAVE NOW MADE YOURSELF FULLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY INCIDENTS

YOU WANT TO HAND CONTROL TO PVSC + PVAC THIS IS AN INSULT TO THE RESIDENTS, BUSINESS PEOPLE AND TOURIST IN PT VINCENT

LET'S LOOK AT SOME OF THE SAFETY ISSUES
WHY DOESN'T COUNCIL HAVE A LOOK AT THE PVSC CIRCUS ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON. AN IRRESPONSIBLE DISGRACE SAFETY WISE.

NOT ONE PERSON WEARING ORANGE SAFETY VEST GIVING DIRECTIONS TO YACHTS PEOPLE OR PUBLIC AT BOAT RAMP ENTRANCE
(LARGE MOTORISED TRAILER SAILERS BEING REVERSED FROM MAIN ROAD TO BOAT RAMP HOLDING UP TRAFFIC)

WHY CAN'T THESE LARGE YACHTS BE LAUNCHED AT MARINA. YOU HAVE YACHTS PEOPLE DRIVING STRAIGHT DOWN RAMP, DOING A U TURN, THEN REVERSING.

NO ONE AT END OF RAMP IN SAFETY VEST

NO ORANGE BOLLARDS OR FLAGS ON EITHER SIDE OF RAMP WARNING PUBLIC

EMPTY YACHT TRAILERS LEFT EITHER SIDE OF BOAT RAMP ALL AFTERNOON, CREATING AN OBSTACLE COURSE TO THE PUBLIC WALKING TO + FROM CARAVAN PARK.

VEHICLES WITH LARGE TRAILERS BEING PARKED

BEHIND CARAVAN PARK FENCE CREATING A TRAFFIC HAZARD. ROAD DOWN TO ONE LANE.

YES. WHERE IS THE PVYC DUTY OF CARE TO THE PUBLIC

WHAT GIVES THEM THE RIGHT TO THINK THEY OWN THE BOAT RAMP AND BEACH IN FRONT OF CLUB HOUSE.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON NEAR YACHT CLUB IS FAMILY DAY. YACHTS BEING BACKED ON TO BOAT RAMP.

PEOPLE WANTING TO BUY MEALS AT KIOSK.

PEOPLE USING BBQ AREA, CHILDREN GOING TO PLAY GROUND, PEOPLE CROSSING ROAD TO USE TOILETS

AT REAR OF TOWN HALL, CARAVANS COMING AND

GOING. YES A 'CATASTROPHIC SITUATION' COME AND WATCH THE CIRCUS SUNDAY AFTERNOON. AT YACHT CLUB.

THE PVAC DRIVE STRAIGHT DOWN THE BOAT RAMP THEN DO U TURNS AND REVERSE.

THEY DON'T WEAR ORANGE SAFETY VEST. NO ORANGE HATS OR BOLLARDS ALONG RAMP.

THE PVYC USE RAMP ON 20 SUNDAY AFTOONS (APPROX) WHAT ABOUT THE OTHER 32 SUNDAYS.

(THE PVAC USE RAMP 3-4 DAYS A WEEK 5-6 MTHS PER YEAR. DURING THE WEEK CHILDREN AT SCHOOL, PEOPLE AT WORK. ONLY LOCALS AND HOLIDAY MAKERS USING RAMP.

WHAT ABOUT ALL THE DAYS THAT PVYC + PVAC ARE NOT USING IT. YOU ARE CLOSING IT TO ALL.

'HOW CONSIDERATE YOU ARE'

YOU NOW WANT ELDERLY PEOPLE WHO TRAVEL WITH TINNIES TO LAUNCH AND RETRIEVE BY HAND.

'HOW CONSIDERATE YOU ARE'

WE ARE ALL FULLY AWARE THAT PVYC PEOPLE ARE INSTRUCTORS AT PVAC AND PEOPLE FROM PVAC

SAIL ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON, THAT'S WHY THEY ARE BACKING EACH OTHER. SOME PEOPLE REFER IT TO THE 'FARMERS UNION'

THE PVAC IS A BUSINESS BEING FUNDED BY THE EDUCATION DEPT (TAXPAYERS).

IT WAS ONLY A FEW YEARS AGO THAT THEY HAD PETITIONS GOING AROUND FOR THE PUBLIC TO SUPPORT THEM AND CONTINUE TO OPERATE

NOW THEY ARE GOING TO STAB THE PUBLIC THAT SUPPORTED THEM. VERY NICE OF THEM.

ARE COUNCIL GOING TO SUPPORT A BUSINESS OVER THE WISHES OF THE RATE PAYER.

THIS RAMP WAS BUILT BY VOLUNTEER FOR THE TOWNS PEOPLE AND TOURISTS NOT FOR PVYC + PVAC. AND SHOULD REMAIN THAT WAY.

WHY ARE PEOPLE FROM PVYC + PVAC TELLING PEOPLE THEY INTEND INSTALLING A BOOM GATE AT ENTRANCE TO BOAT RAMP AND THEY WILL HAVE FULL CONTROL INTERESTING ENOUGH OVER 90% OF PEOPLE WHO BELONG TO PVYC + PVAC DO NOT LIVE IN PT VINCENT BUT LIVE IN MINLATON, CURRAMULKA, OR ON FARMS. WHAT GIVES THEM THE RIGHT TO 'DICTATE'

IF IT IS TO BE CLOSED. CLOSE IT FOR EVERYONE. DIG UP THE BOAT RAMP, RETURN IT TO NATURAL BEACH AND MAKE EVERYONE USE THE BOAT RAMPS AT THE MARINA.

'DO NOT DISCRIMINATE'

I'M ALSO LEAD TO BELIEVE THAT A COUPLE OF COUNCILLORS MAY HAVE A CONFLICT OF INTEREST IN THIS MATTER.

I SURE HOPE THIS IS NOT THE CASE.

YOURS SINCERELY
M J Anders

Corporate Email Address

From:

Michael F <dwblo@hotmail.com>

Sent:

Monday, 11 January 2016 3:17 PM

To:

11 JAN 2016

Corporate Email Address

Subject:

Phil Herrmann Senior Compliance Officer Port Vincent boat ramp

Dear Phil Herrmann

I am writting to inform you that i strongly disagree with the proposed restriction of cars on the boat ramp. I have a small sail boat that i can only trailer to port vincent foreshore. This is the only place i can still put my boat in the water on yorkes in a portected bay on a boat ramp. i have been coming to port vincent for this reason for over 30 years for this reason. i would not be able to use the other boat ramp with my boat. I also have friends that stay in port vincent that have larger motor boats and i have heard continual complaining about the business of the port vincent mariner ramp. the lack of lanes.. only 2 when it should have been 4. Having to wait up to 30 to 40 minutes to take their boat in and out of the water on busy days. also the lack of car parks on busy days. if the beach ramp were to be closed to cars it would put even more pressure on the mariner boat ramp causing more issues.

I suggest you leave the current arrangements with the ramp alone, however if there is issues put in decent road markings for boat retrieval and pedestrians etc.

The beach ramp is vital to continue to be used by cars with trailers.

Please reply so i am aware you have received this message

Yours Truly

Michael Fuller

Yorke Peninsula Council

Dear Councillors

As a resident & ratepayer I wish to lodge my objections to the proposed closing of the boat ramp in Port Vincent.

There are many reasons for this.

The ramp was originally funded by a private donation of 50 pounds for cement from Mr Bob Bansmer from Balaklava & laid by volunteers.

Extensions were done under various funding & volunteer labour.

I have been told that the ramp is being closed for safety reasons as people drive down the ramp & turn the vehicle & boat around at the bottom. Surely this is safer than reversing down the ramp. This must be the case as some Sailing Club members & Aquatics instructors do this.

Your report claims that hand launching would be permitted. What precautions are to be taken to prevent loss of control of trailers & boats when handling these? Do they need brakes on their trailers?

Numerous campers from your park use the boat ramp whilst camping there, after launching they put their car & trailer back on their site. Has the Council considered the extra road traffic, congestion & parking problems in the approach & Marina Carpark? On 30/12/15 at midday I counted 6 spare trailer parks in the marina carpark & 14 vehicles & trailers parked in the area adjacent the boat ramp near the caravan park. This did not include the boat trailers in the caravan park or private properties near the foreshore ramp. Is there available land at the marina & has the Council got plans to extend parking facilities to accommodate the extra vehicles & trailers?

While access is open for Sailing Club & Aquatics use, can the general public use it? Will they be fined? Is the Council going to make a Bylaw regarding this? Who has the authority to police this?

Has the Council or the Sailing Club considered a visiting Yachtsman who have to launch at the Marina ramp in a yacht that is not motor powered? I think they could have trouble tacking & sailing to & from the boat ramp.

Recently the Port Vincent Coast Guard used the ramp in an emergency situation to rescue 2 kayakers in trouble south of Port Vincent. If access was not readily available (Unlocking gates or removing barricades etc.) or having to use the Marina boat ramp to launch their inflatable "Rubber Duckie" valuable time would have been wasted in the rescue.

I ask the Council to seriously look at the problems associated with the closure of the Port Vincent boat ramp adjacent the Sailing Club as this proposal will open a very large can of worms & not promote tourism in our town.

I await a reply to all my questions to convince me the closure will be an improvement to our town.

Grant Trotter

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Corporate Email Address

From: careegal@gmail.com on behalf of Eric & Lorraine Warner <eric@careegal.com>
Sent: 13 JAN 2016 Wednesday, 13 January 2016 2:34 PM
To: Corporate Email Address
Subject: Submission Pt Vincent Foreshore Boat Ramp

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Submitted by Eric Warner.

I have been an owner of a property at 2 Bennett St Pt Vincent for 42 years. I have been at the property on average for 14 weeks per year, and have used the foreshore ramp all of those years. I have always paid for a permit to use the ramp. I have also used a small tractor at the ramp to launch my boat. I could not use the tractor at the Marina ramp due to the greater gradient.

I support continued use of the foreshore ramp for public use.

- (1) There are times during holiday periods when the Marina ramps are not sufficient.
- (2) Parking at the marina is not adequate at times.
- (3) Use by the sailing club for competitive sailing is only 22 Sundays per year, up to about 10 yachts.
- (4) Aquatic school use is confined to school time.
- (5) Aquatic school is in recess during most of terms 2 and 3.
- (6) I have observed on days of high use of the Marina ramps waiting times of at least twenty minutes.
- (7) Caravan tenants would be considerably disadvantaged by closing the Foreshore ramp.
- (8) Additional traffic along the foreshore would be created especially at the intersection of Main St.

Suggestions.

- (1) Increased signage in the vicinity of the FORESHORE RAMP to keep it open.
- (2) Limited closure of the ramp on days when there large numbers of students attending Aquatic School.
- (3) Construction at least one extra lane at the Marina and associated parking if the fore shore ramp was closed.

I trust you will give this submission due consideration.

Corporate Email Address

From: Peter & Ros Pledge <prpledge@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, 10 January 2016 4:26 PM
To: Corporate Email Address
Subject: Comments on proposal to change use of boat ramp adjacent to Port Vincent sailing club.

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Dear Council,

I offer the following comments for your consideration in respect to this matter.

I have been holidaying at Port Vincent for approximately 60 years and have used this boat ramp for approximately 50 of those years.

I have never witnessed or heard of a "critical incident" occurring at the boat ramp as a result of boat launching.

Most boat owners are very aware of any people in the vicinity when launching their boats.

It is rare that the beach is in high use at the same time as boats are being launched/retrieved. This is due to weather conditions, tide times etc.

Closure would mean that all boats (other than hand launch) would need to use the marina ramps which would place additional demand on this facility. My recent observation of the marina facility was that it was struggling to cope with existing demands (both parking area and launch/retrieval delays). Any additional demand on this facility would worsen this.

The area in front of the sailing club is not suitable for swimmers as it has been concreted. Caravan park people tend to use the beach area to the east of the ramp (because it is convenient to the C/P) and day visitors use the area to the west of the ramp (where the beach is better).

In my view it is the sailing boats which pose a greater risk to beach users as they can become less controllable/manoeuvrable as they access the beach/shore area.

If the real issue is that the sailing club wishes to have exclusive access to the ramp area on race days that could be accommodated by having a limited exclusion at the times of their meetings, including set up and wash down time.

If only hand launches are permitted it is possible that boats which should be launched using a vehicle (and therefore under proper control) will be attempted to be launched by hand which may create a more dangerous situation.

As you can see I do not support the closure of this ramp to vehicular launches. The "critical incident" justification seems imaginary and leaves one wondering what the alternative motivation might be.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment on this proposal,

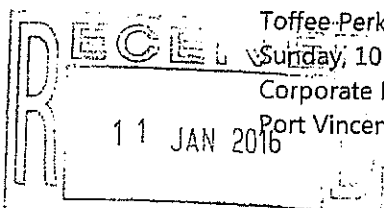
Peter Pledge
Regular Port Vincent visitor



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Sent: Sunday, 10 January 2016 3:08 PM
To: Corporate Email Address
Subject: Port Vincent Sailing Club Ramp Closures



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Dear Phil

I have been boating at Port Vincent for 50 years as a sibling and now as a owner of a property. I have been involved as a participant of many of the aquatic ventures that have been held at Port Vincent, and now my children have also enjoyed the sailing, windsurfing and many other activities that have been offered down on "city beach". My father has been involved since his early childhood (he is now 95). The sailing Club boat ramp has always been part of Port Vincent, and to my knowledge there has never been a serious accident involving a person or child. The new Marina ramp is of poor demise and construct. We can launch 5 -6 boats (depending on people's ability to reverse a trailer) and also on the tides at the sailing Club. In the old days the bay was dredged by some of the boaties to allow access to the beach on all but extremely low tides.

I was at Port Vincent during Christmas period where there were over 75 boat trailers parked in the marina with some having to park on the vacant block next to it as the park was full, with a further 25 boats launched at the sailing club.

It took us over half an hour to retrieve our boat, we were 10th boat waiting in line to get to the ramp. In this time 1 jet ski was launched along with the Oyster boat. This happened only because they forced their way down the ramp to launch their boats. Fortunately this was all done in good weather, heaven help it if a squall had gone through and there were 90 boats trying to retrieve at the same time.

The Sailing Club offers safety for boaties

If the Sailing club ramp was to close, urgent action must be done at the marina ramp to allow more boats to retrieve and others to launch, otherwise ramp rage will occur on more occasions.

In 80 years my family has been going to Port Vincent we don't know of any incidents at the sailing club.

Would this mean the Caravan Park tenants can't park their boats in this area?

Even trailer sailors have motors! Will they be allowed to launch at the sailing club or will they have to go down to the marina and clog up the marina whilst they rig their boats up?

If this proposal is to happen the marina needs 2 more launch platforms plus a boat park pontoon so a car/ trailer can be retrieved in a quick fashion rather than holding up all the others waiting to use the ramp.

Yours sincerely
Elizabeth Perkins



Corporate Email Address

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To: Corporate Email Address
Subject: port vincent foreshore boat ramp

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Dear sir/madam

re port vincent foreshore boat ramp

My father for many years used this boat ramp even after the new ramp opened.

The main reason for this was how steep the marina ramp is, ease of launching and retrieval of the boat and ease of boarding of the boat.

I also think that from a tourist point of view who may not reverse a trailer often that the chance of an accident is less on the foreshore ramp.

If the wind is in the wrong direction landing a yacht at the marina would be extremely difficult.

If it is a matter of cost why not place a meter like at the marina? This could be a revenue raiser for the council or yacht club.

For these reasons I feel the foreshore boat ramp should be retained as a public asset yours sincerely Martin Horwood

Corporate Email Address

From: Anne Burgess <aburgess@myacn.net.au>
Sent: Saturday, 9 January 2016 8:46 AM
To: Corporate Email Address
Subject: Proposal re Pt Vincent boat ramp

Dear Mr Cameron

My family and I have been spending our Christmas holidays in rental houses at Pt Vincent for 35 years. My children and grandchildren have learnt to swim and sail here and almost every day of the holidays are spent on the beach.

We have used the ramp near the sailing club to launch fishing boats, windsurfers, sailing boats and canoes. In all our 35 years we have never seen an accident occur. Our children learnt from us and from their swimming lessons to take care at the ramp.

While the Marina ramp provides an option to launch motor boats it is not plausible for other boats. The alternative of hand launching sailing boats, which are often heavy, at the ramp seems risky. The gradient of the ramp means hand launching and retrieving boats requires strength and control and the risk of a runaway boat seems a possibility. Unloading boats on the street would provide a bottle neck that is potentially dangerous and totally impractical.

We see no reason to change a practice that has been in place for years. For Pt Vincent, it's beaches and water activities are a great draw card and residents and visitors should be encouraged to use them fully, not discouraged.

We hope that common sense prevails and the proposed changes do not proceed.

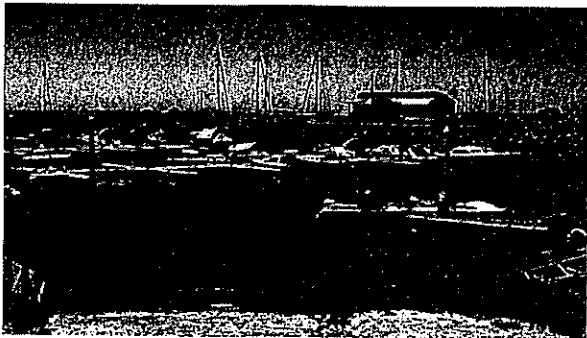
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To whom it may concern

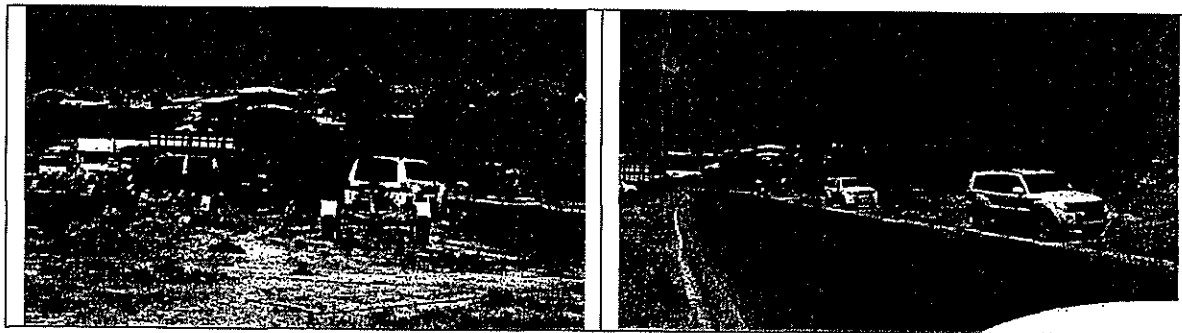
In regard to the proposed closure of the public boat ramp, I have been launching both yachts and power boats from this ramp for the past 30 years or more and not once have I seen or heard about a catastrophic incident as suggested by both the Sailing Club and Port Vincent Aquatics club. There is a restricted area for the launching of boats in this area and I have found over the years that both boat users and the general public adhere to this.

You could say that there is just as likely to be a catastrophic incident at the marina, the boat ramp is very steep and very slippery and at busy times there is insufficient parking for the cars and trailers many of which have to park on vacant land or road side, along with queues of boat users trying to launch or retrieve their boats.



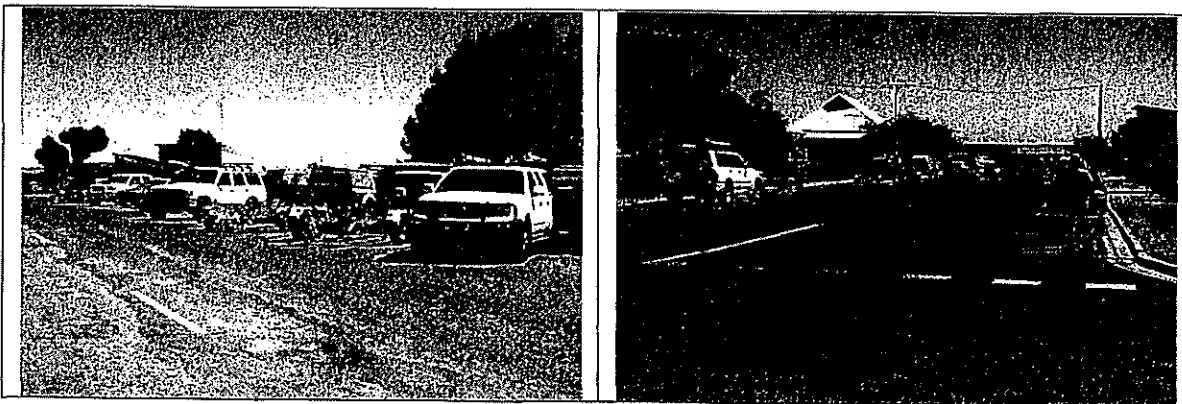
6 boats waiting

Over the Christmas /New Year break there were many cars and trailers parked on vacant land as shown below



Cars parked on private land at the marina as car park is full

At the same time approximately another 20 parked around the streets adjacent to the public ramp that had obviously launched from that ramp(see attached images), this doesn't include the visitors to the caravan park that usually take their trailers back after they have launched. If as you are proposing to close this ramp where are these 20 plus cars and trailers going to leave their cars and trailers at the marina, there isn't enough room as it is at busy times. As for the launching and retrieving of boats this would become a debacle.



All of these used the public ramp

Are you intending to expand the number of pontoons to facilitate more lanes to launch and purchase more land to expand the marina car park to accommodate these extra vehicles's and boats?

I note that the PVSC support the proposal to restrict access to activities associated to PVSC and PVAC but surely if a catastrophic incident is likely to occur it is just as likely to occur when the clubs are launching their boats etc from motorised vehicles.

When I register my boats, included in the registration is a fee for launching at public ramps, this is a public ramp and as such I should be able to launch there.

If you should go ahead with what I consider to be a ridiculous proposal then it should apply to the PVSC and PVAC after all they launch with motor vehicles which could be the cause of a catastrophic incident could it not!

I strongly oppose this proposal.

Yours sincerely

John Fox

Corporate Email Address

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Attn Mr Phil Herrman,

Senior compliance officer

We are ratepayers in Port Vincent as we own a home there, we would like to voice our concern over the proposal to close the Pt Vincent Foreshore Boat Ramp, this idea will cause some frustration to us due to the following:

We have a small boat (as well as a larger vessel), we use the PVFSBR a lot due to the very slippery conditions on the new Marina ramp and as I have a knee replacement am less agile, the new marina is always very busy and frustrating during the holiday times when we are mainly at PV.

We are very safety conscious at the PVFSBR when reversing and always have a person standing behind to watch for persons in the vicinity.

If the council closes this ramp to motorized boats (which it should not) it should only be done if the marina ramp is doubled in size.

Thank you for the opportunity to put our case

Rgds

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Port Vincent Foreshore Boat Ramp

Yorke Peninsula Council ' PO Box57

Maitland SA 5573

Regarding the proposal to restrict access to the Port Vincent Foreshore Boat Ramp I would like to make the following submission:-

For 16 years I have visited Port Vincent for a total of more than four months each year. I have stayed at the Foreshore Caravan Park adjacent to the boat ramp.

For several years I launched a small boat at the Forshore Ramp and found it both ideal for launching such a small boat and very convenient to our accommodation in the Caravan Park.

Many visitors to the Caravan Park both from South Australia and interstate travel with boats, often small aluminium dinghies either towed or on the pack racks of their vehicles. Those carrying their boats often have small trailers that can be assembled to tow or push the boat to nearby ramps. These trailers are often not suitable for towing the boat any distance and thus the Foreshore Ramp is ideal and an attraction for these boaties.

I now have a larger boat and exclusively utilize the Marina Ramp. I have seen a number of fishermen have problems attempting to launch and retrieve small dinghies at the Marina Ramp pontoons. The height of the pontoons means a step down into a small boat with little or nothing to steady oneself and the boat. Wading to a boat and attempting to board it at the ramp is fraught with danger of slipping on the dangerously slippery concrete. Boarding over the side of a dinghy on a clean sand beach is far safer. Many of the fishermen using the Foreshore Ramp are no longer young and although they may fish alone in the bay they often need help launching or retrieving. The closeness of the ramp to the Caravan Park makes it a simple matter for a spouse or friends to walk down and assist.

The beach adjacent to the Foreshore Ramp is indeed very popular, usually at weekends or during holiday periods but most of these swimmers and sun bathers use the sandy beach from the Kiosk area and westward. There is very little interaction between fishermen driving on the ramp and beach goers, I have never seen any situation which could have led to a "catastrophic situation"

The Sailing Club generally uses the Foreshore ramp one day a week during the warmer months. Sunday afternoon sees club competitions with very occasional Saturdays. These activities see smaller sail boats pushed down the ramp on their trailers but the larger, and some are very large, sail boats

reversed down launched and retrieved. I often enjoy a Sunday afternoon watching the sailing but I have never seen an incident involving club boats, trailers or vehicles and beach goers.

The aquatics club most commonly uses the ramp on weekdays during the warmer months. The school students undergoing tuition are usually older and under supervision of their own teachers and the instructors of the club. Again I have never seen any problems with fishermen or the students or instructors at the ramp, indeed the only criticism I have of the behaviour during aquatics activities is of the Instructors blatantly disregarding the designated speed limit for boats in that area and not all of it by any means can be justified as racing to the rescue of an overturned craft. The aquatics club invariably drives its multi kayak trailers onto the ramp parking the trailers on the sand in front of the clubhouse. If they are prevented from using a motor vehicle on the ramp and resort to pushing it down there is a very real danger that the trailer will get away and roll with increasing speed down to the water. If fishermen unable to reverse their boats on the ramp opt to push the boat down the ramp there again is a very real possibility of losing control. It will be almost impossible to manhandle all but the very smallest and lightest of dinghies back up the ramp at the end of a days fishing.

It appears that risks have been managed very well over the years and I personally am not away of any problems at this ramp.

Although my family and I are only frequent guests in Port Vincent I regard the Foreshore Ramp as a Community asset and an attraction for the many people who flock to the town for all that the beach side location can offer. To restrict the use of this convenient and popular facility to a commercial "club" and a social club is I submit against the public interest and their concern with risks and safety a convenient method of gaining the ramp for their almost exclusive use.

Apart from the months when the above activities are being pursued the ramp will be unused and a waste of a community asset.

Yours Sincerely

A.C.Suter

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Yorke Peninsula Council

Dear Councillors,

I am writing on behalf of my partner who is a ratepayer (has a house at Pt Vincent) to protest against the closure of the town Boat Ramp to the public.

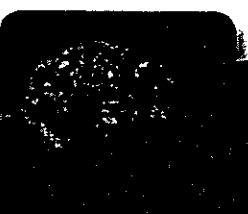
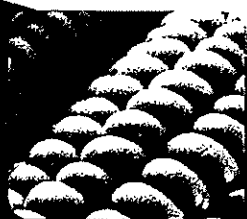
I use a 6m Deltray boat, fitted with a ford inboard motor and dog clutch, so I don't have reverse gear which makes it impossible to manaeuvre in confined areas and will damage the hull as I have to land on concrete instead of sand. I have to turn the boat around by hand after launching which is easy at the beach.

The extra boats forced to use the Marina ramp will cause chaos at peak launching and retrieving times and especially if the weather turns foul while everyone is at sea, also where do you propose to accomadate the extra cars and trailers. The present car park is often full, with the extra ones forced to park along the road leading to the ramp.

The town ramp, many cars and trailers go back to the caravan park and private residences and more boats can be launched and retrieved at this ramp as there is more room.

Older boaties will fall and hurt themselves because the Marina ramp is steeper and slippery when algae is allowed to build up which I know has happened and you need a 4 wheel drive to assist. This means my father-in-law will no longer be able to go fishing anymore which is very sad as it is his only pastime hobby.

In closing I am unaware of any problems at the town



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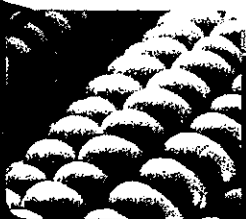
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ramp The town ramp is very convenient to the shops if you forget anything (bait, food etc) and this means less money spent in the town, if you have to use the Marina Ramp.

Please could you reply to this letter.

Yours truly David Barford

on behalf of Christine Wandel



THE BEST CROPS START WITH THE BEST SEEDS

Corporate Email Address

From: Murray Smith <msmith@balco.com.au>
Sent: - 6 JAN 2016 Wednesday, 6 January 2016 3:52 PM
To: Corporate Email Address
Subject: Port Vincent Foreshore boat ramp

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Attn Mr Phil Herrman,

Senior compliance officer

We are ratepayers in Port Vincent as we own a home there, we would like to voice our concern over the proposal to close the Pt Vincent Foreshore Boat Ramp, this idea will cause some frustration to us due to the following:

We have a small boat (as well as a larger vessel), we use the PVFSBR a lot due to the very slippery conditions on the new Marina ramp and as I have a knee replacement am less agile, the new marina is always very busy and frustrating during the holiday times when we are mainly at PV.

We are very safety conscious at the PVFSBR when reversing and always have a person standing behind to watch for persons in the vicinity.

If the council closes this ramp to motorized boats (which it should not) it should only be done if the marina ramp is doubled in size.

Thank you for the opportunity to put our case

Rgds

Murray and Janice Smith
16 Short Terrace
Balaklava SA 5461
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Pt Vincent property
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Pt Vincent SA

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Corporate Email Address

From: Dianne Till <dianne.till48@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, 24 December 2015 2:55 PM
To: Corporate Email Address
Subject: Port Vincent Ramp Closure

To whom It May Concern

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PH

We wish to express our concern about the discussion on the closure of the Port Vincent Boat Ramp. We have travelled 2400klm every year for the past 11 years from Rainbow Beach in Qld to Port Vincent for a 10 week holiday. We stay at the Port Vincent Foreshore Caravan Park and find the boat ramp at the yacht club extremely good. We only have a small tinnie with a fold up trailer. These trailers are not made for a lot of road work so using the boat ramp next to the park is essential to us. Over the years we have introduced several Queensland friends to the town all who have small tinnies and who use the ramp.

We spend quite a lot of money in the town at the supermarket, chemist, hairdresser, hotel, kiosk etc apart from paying ramp fees.

We have never encountered any safety issues or problems with other users of the ramp and would be dismayed if it closed.

We have tried the ramp at the marina but have found it to be very slippery.

My wife has bad knees and slipped over on that ramp and will not go back there.

Surely if there is a safety issue then could you not put up a sign that simply states, that those who use the boat ramp do so at their own risk.

There are many many people in the caravan park alone that use the yacht club ramp who would not be happy if it was closed.

We love Port Vincent but I am sure that we and others would not consider it such a great place if we had to travel to the marina and back with our small trailers daily.

The town relies on tourism and closure could stop some people from coming so then the economy of the whole town is affected.

It is great assets like that boat ramp that encourages people like us and our friends to come back year after year.

Yours sincerely

John and Dianne Till

Ph: 0418657801

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From:	sstozer <sstozer@internode.on.net>
Sent:	Friday, 1 January 2016 7:49 PM
To:	- 4 JAN 2016
Subject:	Corporate Email Address

Pt vincent boat ramp

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PH

I have heard that the council is considering closing the ramp next to the sailing club. Is this correct? We use it to launch our 5mt catamaran. There would be no way we could sail out of the marina ramp, off the beach by the sailing club is ideal. Thank you

Sent from Samsung tablet.

Corporate Email Address

From: Don Riggs <dmriggs77@yahoo.com.au>
Sent: Sunday, 3 January 2016 12:13 PM
To: Corporate Email Address
Subject: Pt Vincent boat ramp

- 4 JAN 2016
To whom it may concern

We as users of the boat ramp, are long time holiday makers to the town, we are deeply disappointed to hear that certain party's wish to close the boat ramp for there own selfish personal use. If this was to happen I am sure people may change there holiday plans and not come to Pt Vincent. I think you would be making a huge mistake if this was to happen.

Sincerely D & M Riggs

Sent from my iPad

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Corporate Email Address

From: terry.glenda@bigpond.com
Sent: Tuesday, 22 December 2015 4:05 PM
To: Corporate Email Address
Subject: CONSULTATION - BOAT RAMP, PT. VINCENT

Attention: Phil Herrman;

Dear Sir,

I wish to respond to the request for public comment on the proposed closure of the boat ramp next to the sailing club.

The Proposal seems to be biased in its writing, mentioning catastrophic events (and similar) many times.

Yes, I agree that there is a safety benefit of having all motor launched vessels use the marina ramp.

There is a safety benefit in doing many things I could mention. And that is always an argument in every proposal that Councils undertake.

The thrust of the Report mentions no statistics of events to support the proposal.

There is no alternative proposal to improve safety at the site.

There is an opening in the proposal to allow members of the sailing club to launch their own boats using a motor vehicle. The proposal refers to restricting, not prohibiting launching using a motor vehicle.

There is an obvious move to make the ramp the domain of the sailing and aquatic clubs.

Consideration should also be given to the effect on tourism in the town. And I do not accept the contrary argument that I would sacrifice safety of children for the tourist benefit.

I would prefer that safety improvement measures be carried out so that all can enjoy the facilities.

Terry Sloan

29 Cleggett Rd
Langhorne Creek 5255

To whom it may concern.

Hello, I write to express my concerns regarding the proposed closure of the boat ramp at the Pt Vincent sailing club.

My family and I have been coming to the Pt Vincent Caravan Park for forty four consecutive years for our holidays and over the last few years we have put our caravan in the council storage facility (which very good) and we now come over on average every three weeks for a few days.

In this time we would have contributed significantly to the economy of the town along with the many thousands of other people who have the good fortune to use that great park.

As regular visitors I frequently use the sailing club boat ramp and pay my annual fee which again supports the local community.

I along with many others I know object to that ramp not being kept available to the park patrons considering the above input we believe we add to the town businesses.

This ramp is very suitable and it's convenience is a small gesture from council in recognition of our patronage to the towns businesses .

There was some talk a few years back from council suggesting the same outcome for the boat ramp and it was sited then about safety concerns for foot traffic.

In forty four years I have not heard of any one being injured by vehicle traffic on the boat ramp.

Now as then I (and others of the boating fraternity) recognise that the entry and exit is a shared space and care is needed but with that care there is no safety risk to other road users.

If this is the reason for the proposed closure then I along with any other caravan park boat user would accept (with no problems) a STOP sign being placed at the fence of the play ground so that all vehicles coming off the ramp had to stop before entering the shared space .

If the reason for the proposed closure is for safety reasons and your council is not prepared to look at other simple (cheap) options as suggested I along with many others could only assume that your council has become so risk averse that you would close off a much needed convenient facility to visitors to your town who support and contribute to what has made Pt Vincent such a great place to visit.

As stated earlier we visit all year round and I know that the businesses would not survive if it were not for the visitors who come in and spend money there.

Given that why would council close off the use of the boat ramp to the patrons of the caravan park who over the years have supported the town for a perceived problem that is no greater now than it has been in the last forty four years without looking at other options.

I know there is a good facility at the mariner but many boat owners I know are travellers from many other states who carry tinnys on roof racks.

Over the year there would be hundreds of such travellers from as far away as Queensland that frequent the park and contribute a healthy combined income to the town.

These people have fold up trailers with small wheels which are designed for short distance use therefore travelling around to the mariner ever day is not good for such a vehicle.

I would respectfully suggest many of these people have many other choices of places to stay if your council removes a convenient facility for their use .

I have used the mariner boat ramp on several occasions but will not go there again as it can be very slippery.

I have had hip replacement surgery some years ago and there is always the risk of dislocation. The last time I use that ramp my foot slipped even though I always wear good boat boots with good grip but on that occasion I almost fell and I could have damaged my hip.

I know of others who have been injured at that ramp including a broken arm when they have slipped.

The council should have a duty of care for such a facility not just take the money from launch fees.

I would respectfully suggest there have been many more falls and injuries at the mariner ramp that there ever have been at the sailing club ramp.

As for the potential for injury to people on the beach again this is just a risk averse, knee jerk reaction.

The beach is no busier now than at any other time in the last forty four years and both beach goers and boating people have jointly shared the ramp area successfully in all of that time. Again I suggest some simply signage at the top of the ramp ie: 5 kph on the ramp , perhaps even random inspection by a council representative or maybe even going so far as to put some onus on beach goers to be aware of boats on a boat ramp !

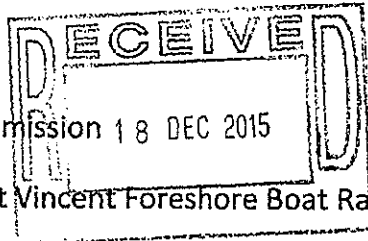
In summary I would expect that the council would consider the contents of this letter and work towards some form of simple compromise that would suit both the councils needs and those of boating patrons at the caravan park rather than close the ramp .

These simple cheap solutions should at least be implemented as a twelve month trial prior to the council taking the easy way out and closing the ramp to vehicles as the first step.

If this is not the case then I as a LONG time supporter of Pt Vincent would take it as a snub by council to my family and all those other visitors who travel short or long distances to enjoy such a superb place as Pt Vincent and a place that your council is privileged to have in your administration.

Cheap solutions (banning access to vehicles) is not good administration but working with the visitors who support your towns to find compromises is good administration which we would hope and expect will be the case in this matter.

Yours, Rob Giles



Submission 18 DEC 2015

Port Vincent Foreshore Boat Ramp.

Yorke Peninsula Council.

PO Box 57.

Maitland SA 5573.

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PO Box 234

Port Vincent

5581 17/12/15.

I am writing about the proposed restrictions that council is considering for the Port Vincent Foreshore Boat ramp.

Having read through the Public Consultation Report, i am flabbergasted at the suggestion of a "catastrophic event" occurring at the boat ramp.

If we are to believe this statement, then we would have to believe that the likelihood of a 'catastrophic event' happening every time we went out ,drive down the street, going shopping ect & the list goes on.

I have been using the Foreshore boat ramp for over 25 years & in that time i have never witnessed any likelihood of a 'catastrophic event' happening, or any thing other than some boaties reversing their car into the water to far & getting bogged.

I have on several occasions used the Marina boat ramp,during the busy holiday periods, & what a terrible time i have experienced when trying to launch or retrieve my boat at that location.

In a 13ft boat when coming in from sea & trying to get to the pontoon when it 'your turn' you are continually getting pushed out of the way by bigger boats,who have the "i am bigger than you" attitude.

I have witnessed on many occasions "boat ramp rage" with heated words & arguments amongst boaties ,nearly coming to blows being exchanged, resulting from overcrowding at the ramp & parking facilities.Many boaties have their

wives, friends ect drive their empty trailers home to avoid the overcrowding at parking facilities(& to avoid paying the applicable fees).

I understand there are approx 48 trailer parks at the marina, if the foreshore ramp were to close, there are approx 20 – 25 that use the foreshore ramp on a daily basis that would have no alternative but to use the marina facility, absolute chaos would result.

The proposal states that any boat would be able to do so providing a motor vehicle is not used. The launching of a small 10 – 12 foot "tinny" on a trailer would be relatively easy, by hand providing the boat & trailer did not "get away" from you, which is very possible. Retrieval, on the other hand would not be easy, on a hot day, trying to push/pull a small boat & trailer uphill at the ramp, is "heart attack material", This could be termed as a "catastrophic event".

It appears to me that both the Sailing Club & the Port Vincent Aquatic Centre want exclusive rights to a public beach area & public boat ramp.

The Sailing Club & Aquatic Centre have no right to have exclusive use of a public area & facilities.

I would like to point out, that the Aquatic Centre, which in its own right a private business enterprise, using public property to sustain their business, by using the beach area in front of the playground & sailing club to park their boats, trailers, & other equipment.

The BBQ area adjacent to the playground, which is a public area, gets "taken over" by the participants of the aquatics, with their back packs, equipment, eskys, food equipment ect, that visitors, families with children, wishing to use the playground, & have a BBQ lunch, find they cannot enjoy the public facilities, because of the Aquatics. What right have the Aquatics got to "take over" public amenities.

As there have been no incidents to my knowledge in the 25 years or so that I have been using the Foreshore boat ramp, I can only say "If it aint broke, why try & fix it".

The Aquatics only operate during school terms, approx 35 weeks of the year, &

That time is restricted even less during the winter period, & the Sailing club only operates during the summer months,& that is only on weekends.

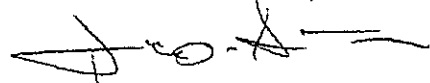
It would appear that this is a very narrow minded approach by both the Sailing club & Aquatic centre to try & take control of a public facility to suit their own needs & create a elitist group, which will divide the close knit community of Port Vincent.

In closing, I am completely against the proposal as outlined in the Public Consultation Report, & as i see it Their are only 2 ways this issue can be resolved,

- (1) Leave things as they are, with no changes or restrictions.
- (2) Close the Foreshore Boat ramp completely to every one, including the Sailing Club & Aquatic Centre.

I would like to appear before council on the matter.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John W Francis', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mr John W Francis.

Robert Storm
No. 7 Ceres Court 16 DEC 2015
Port Vincent SA 5581

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10th December 2015

Yorke Peninsula Council
PO Box 57
Maitland SA 5573

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Proposal to restrict launching at foreshore boat ramp

I am a resident in the Port Vincent marina development and a boat owner with first hand experience with both ramp facilities.

I can appreciate it would be nice to remove motor boats from the foreshore area but Council would need to improve or create an alternative ramp. By closing down the ramp and in turn the parking in this area, would only create a much larger problem at the marina's public ramp which is grossly inadequate at busy times already.

The width of the ramps in the marina only allow for one boat at a time to go up or down and when there is an extra low tide there is only enough pontoon in the water to tie up one boat on each side. So when there is a busy day and an extra low tide late afternoon with a twenty plus south easterly sea breeze there is nowhere for boats to rank to wait their turn and it becomes absolute bedlam.

The parking of cars and trailers is also a problem with vehicles and trailers parking on privately owned land at busy times already, which will only be made worse by closing the foreshore ramp.

Therefore, if Council do intend to implement this proposal, which I feel is a great idea for safety issues alone, they will need to either improve and increase an inadequate ramp facility or come up with an alternative ramp.

If need be I would be happy to appear before council over this matter.

Yours sincerely



Robert Storm

Corporate Email Address

From: David Norton <DNorton@resthaven.asn.au>
Sent: Monday, 14 December 2015 1:39 PM
To: 14 DEC 2015 Corporate Email Address
Cc: 'norts18@bigpond.com'
Subject: Submission: Proposal to restrict the use of the Port Vincent Foreshore Boat Ramp

David Norton
19 Minlacowie Road
Port Vincent 5581

14 December 2015

Dear Sir

I have read and considered your proposal. I object to the proposal because:

- It is completely inconsiderate of the older people in Port Vincent and therefore unfriendly to the age group that comprises the greatest proportion of your community
- There is no evidence to support the emotive assertion regarding the catastrophic risk.
- Whatever the extent of the risk, it has reduced since the marina boat ramps have been available
- It is a selfish proposition motivated by a group that wish exclusive access to a community asset with no consideration for the rest of the community, particularly the older members.

Many of the permanent residents of Port Vincent are retirees. Those that launch a boat have been doing so for many years and have a long history with the foreshore ramp. The alternative is the marina, at greater distance, often a lot busier, less friendly and with the pressure on the ramps in peak season can be a far less friendly environment. These type of pressures act to discourage older people from launching their boat at the marina. This proposal forces them into this situation. Perhaps the tractor will struggle with the distance or the sheer additional distance itself is just a little overwhelming to the person. I am sure that if this proposal is supported, some older people will cease to go fishing, reducing their level of physical activity and social/community involvement, both of which are detrimental to their mental and physical health and the well-being of the community generally. With the overwhelming evidence of the benefits of being active in retirement and the demographics of Port Vincent, Council should be promoting Age Friendly accessible infrastructure. This proposal is polar opposite to the interests of Older People.

Presently and historically, boats have been launched by motor vehicles from the foreshore boat ramp. Accordingly, the community has been exposed to the "significantly increased likelihood of a catastrophic incident occurring" since the inception of the boat ramp. The clever words here imply that the likelihood of a catastrophic event has increased. The likelihood is at worst the same as it has always been or in fact, the likelihood has significantly decreased since the marina boat ramps have been in operation and the activity at the foreshore ramp has reduced substantially.

In using such emotive terms and implying that someone will be killed, there is no reference to the evidence that would be available to Council regarding the number of catastrophic or other events that have been a direct consequence of motor vehicles launching boats. Council should measure the risk objectively, relying on evidence as opposed to emotion.

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The proposal notes that "Both clubs (PVSC and PVAC) 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." However, contrary to their concern, these community minded organisations then reveal their real objective; exclusivity. While describing the use of the ramp by motor cars as a looming catastrophe, these clubs then propose that they continue to be allowed to undertake such potential catastrophic activities. Either it is catastrophically unsafe, significantly likely and therefore intolerable, in which case all launching activities involving a motor vehicle should cease altogether, or it is not. I don't know how the clubs can support an alternative view of the risk if they are driving the vehicle. It infers that the risk is acceptable if the clubs are causing it, but unacceptable if caused by anyone else. Hence my scepticism that the real intent here is to support the clubs' view that they should not be required to share with the community, infrastructure that is owned by the community; otherwise known as double standards and selfishness.

This is clearly an attempt to gain exclusive access to a community asset, to the detriment of the remaining community members, contrary to the interests of older people which comprise the greatest proportion of Port Vincent's permanent residents. To accept this proposal is to ignore the majority of your residents and in particular display contempt for the older people that have faithfully supported Port Vincent for many years.

Please acknowledge receipt of this submission.

Yours Sincerely

David Norton

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Phil Herrmann
Senior Compliance Officer

Dear Sir

It has been drawn to my attention thru letterbox flyers, emails to locals and now Country Times (Dec. 8th issue) that there will be restrictions on using the PVSC boat ramp.

1: Yatch club:

uses once a week during yatchie season or special occasions

2: Aquatics:

teaching period mainly three/four days a week, (seasonal) and their lessons start:

Extremely close to the boat ramp when they could teach either side further away from ramp to keep the young people out of danger and causing boaties to dodge when coming back from open waters.

Mostly not a problem but boaties are always conscious of the fact people hover close to ramp/waters edge and we always keep an eye out for them and they should be aware of boaties also.

Isn't that what aquatics is about teaching 'SAFETY'

3: Playground:

For starters, it is fenced off, so how does the boat ramp rate as a hazard! I would have thought a parent is responsible for looking after their youngsters in this area!

Bit sad to think that small tinnies cannot venture from this safe point – to use Marina is a worry as we have to venture in more open water to get across to the spit and if foul weather does come up suddenly more dangerous and further for us oldies to get back.

So safety is an issue with us too!

Kind regards,

Lyn Gaskin

6 HANK ROAD

PORT VINCENT 5581

8-12-15

- 9 DEC 2015
To: Phil Herrmann
Senior Compliance Officer

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PH -

I am writing to you in regard to your decision to close the use of the boat ramp used by PVSC.

PVSC use the ramp on Sundays and we of course would be willing to let them, as we now live in Pt. Vincent. If the ramp was closed to all people, specially owners of small tinnies that are not a danger to the public, revenue will be lost. (of course PVSC could not have the power to stop all people from using the ramp, un heard of) as you know people from caravan parks and Pt. Vincent community use the ramp AND pay to do so.

We have been coming to Pt. Vincent for the past 20 years and as previously mentioned, we have lived here now for the past 28 months. A few years back, along with many other residents and holiday makers, we signed a petition to KEEP the Aquatics at Vincent to train younger school children water safety and boating activities as the government wanted to close this venue down.

This petition was successful and I could not believe that the aquatic teachers would now want to stop us from our enjoyment as you are suggesting.

To stop the many holiday makers and locals (mainly tinnie owners) from using the ramp would cost both caravan parks a catastrophic loss of revenue.

We have never heard of disastrous, calamitous, ruinous or dreadful accidents happening at the ramp, however, the marina ramp has had many mishaps i.e. back injuries and known broken collar bone etc. due to the slippery conditions launching and retrieving.

I agree with you, holiday makers staying in Vincent caravan parks find the boat ramp very convenient to launch their boats so why would you risk terrible accidents for users of small craft at the marina ramp.

The PVSC (especially on special events days) sprawl their trailers along the foreshore where children swim and play!!) to me that is a hazard.

I have not found anyone in favour of your proposal.

Please remember the 10th February 2009 and think of all the people who have come to live in Vincent in the later years of their lives.

Regards

John Rowan, please phone me with the truth
0412 203838

Lynn Gaston

6 HAWK ROAD
PORT VINCENT
5581

Corporate Email Address

From: Mark Erdmann <sportzbiz@bigpond.com>
Sent: Wednesday, 2 December 2015 11:40 AM
To: Corporate Email Address
Cc: grantstanton@internode.on.net
Subject: Boat ramp public consultation

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To whom it may concern.

My name Mark Erdmann, 5 Buttfield Ave Port Vincent. For personal reasons I don't wish to appear but wish this email too be read and considered if there is a public forum .

I have been a resident for 2 years and a regular holiday maker at the foreshore caravan park since 1980 . Even though I live here I still, stay in the park for approx. 3months per year with family and friends.

I also assist the aged with backing of caravans/boats and putting up there annexes. Many of the aged caravan/ boat owners who I have spoken to, stay in the park for extended periods and for assorted reasons are not confident to use the marina ramp. Taking away the foreshore boat ramp would see many small boat users look for an alternative places to stay or not fish at all. They would not buy groceries , bait, fuel ,tackle or have motors serviced or repaired. This would be unfortunate.

I am a small tiller drive boat owner and regularly use the foreshore ramp to launch my and other holiday makers boats. In my years of doing this and speaking to small boat owners some of the problems we have had are sailing club craft not adhering to the speed limit when coming ashore, They are coming ashore at the ramp itself while boats are launching instead sailing to the beach either side of the ramp. Some members of the club are arrogant and rude when they are asked politely to move their craft from the launch area.

This behaviour is not what we want to attract tourists. Sailors at times also clog the ramp with their sail craft when there is plenty of room either side of the launch area. During the peak periods the second ramp reduces the back up of boats getting in and out of the water and allows our many older holiday makers and locals the opportunity of launching their boats without stress and embarrassment . They can and do leave there boats moored out the front of the park overnight and some for the duration of their stay.

With common sense ,respect for others and the adherence of the rules by everyone including sailor's, we should avoid any confrontation and accidents by both parties. We should be attracting more tourist by giving them more reasons to come. The convenience of the second ramp does just that .Over a year I suggest there would be more tourist small boat owners using the ramp spending money in the town than sail craft owners. The shear economic benefits to this town should be reason enough for us to safely work together.

In relation to addressing more important catastrophic incidents, I and several others have recently seen several large sharks cruising out the front of the Pub including a, sited several times 15 foot white pointer of the back beach and the north side of the marina . It is my belief that the seals and shot dead shag's dying in the water are attracting sharks to the area. We only need one child to be taken or a boat overturned and the aquatics program will end this wonderful program.

I would like to see the council address this important swimmer, small craft safety issue rather than address the ramp issue which I believe is catering to an elitist non sharing, self-serving group minority of sailor's .

I have several questions so I can put things in perspective and perhaps relocate my thinking

- 1/ How many boating/ launch catastrophic incidents have happened and been reported since the ramp has been in existence .
- 2/ When did they happen.

3/ What type of crafts were involved

4/ Who was at fault

5/ What were the injuries

I look forward to your response

Yours sincerely

Mark Erdmann

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Port Vincent <i>PH</i>

From: R & C Wilkinson <wilkoturton@internode.on.net>
Sent: 18 NOV 2015 Wednesday, 18 November 2015 4:26 PM
To: Corporate Email Address
Subject: Closing Foreshore Boat Ramp to Launching boats etc

Dear Phi, finally after nearly 10 years or it might be longer someone has seen the light to make the above happen .

As the previous Director of Development and Community Services I recommended this to council due to my concerns that someone would be hit by a boat either launching or retrieving as on many beach days there is a considerable amount of adults and children in the water around this facility hence an accident waiting to happen . Unfortunately it was not supported by the majority of members at the time as some people at Port Vincent wanted to have both .

Also the new boat ramp council contributed to this to remove the problems of parking boat trailers in the streets and near the caravan park on very busy days hence preventing the public from parking their cars to take the kids for a swim. Low tide launching was also was of a concern at the time .

If council is going to be proactive then every effort should be made to close this ramp and restrict to the sailing club members only on their specials days.

Hopefully members will support the present staff and have its access restricted and boat owners then can pay the fee at the public ramp at the Marina , Best of Luck as it would be nice if elected members can be informed that previous staff were at the time were one step ahead of what is trying to be achieved today .

Yours Faithfully

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To The District Council of Yorke Peninsula
Attn: Phil Herrmann
Re: Port Vincent foreshore boat ramp.

Dear Phil,

The purpose of this letter is to formally outline PVSC's position regarding the community usage of the ramp in question. This letter is written in collaboration with our partner/tenant Port Vincent Aquatic Centre.

The issues:

- There are an increasing number of community patrons that use the ramp in such a manner as to endanger the **safety** of club members and other beach/foreshore users. There are numerous instances of this, but they generally include;
 - **driving at unsafe speeds** up and down the ramp prior to and following launch/retrieval of boats. This puts at risk club members/patrons on or nearby the ramp as well as other beach users.
 - **driving without due care/consideration** for other ramp users. This includes driving forwards down the ramp and 'U-turning' at the bottom, at times contacting or obstructing sailing club members boats and trailers. This often means attempting to turn on the 'Sailing Club' portion of the ramp where boats are being rigged or trailers/trolleys are being stored. This has resulted in (minor) damage to members equipment.
 - Power boaters often leave their boats on the sand adjacent the ramp while parking. At times, these craft swing at anchor posing a **risk** to yachts and club craft.
 - as power boaters approach the beach and ramp area, they often have no understanding of the **manoeuvring** of a sailing craft and approach in such a manner as to pose a risk to sailors craft also approaching/leaving the beach or already on the beach.
- Club patrons have also experienced **unsociable behaviour**, such as verbal abuse, from other ramp users who deem the use of the ramp as solely their right and demand right of way when using the facility.

There are too many instances of these behaviours to list them all, but it is accurate to say that they are increasing in recent years and escalating our concerns. As a club, we feel that it is only a matter of time before there is an incident to a club member/associate or indeed a general beach user of such a nature that it will warrant SAPOL or St John's Ambulance attention. It is also fair to say that many of these instances occur during school holiday times or long weekends, when there are many tourists in town. This coincides with much of our active racing season.

A proposal:

PVSC understands that it is the wish of DCYP to close the ramp for use by the general public. PVSC supports this motion, however would like to make it abundantly clear that without some access to the ramp, our club and the Port Vincent Aquatic Centre would no longer be able to function viably.



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PVSC therefore proposes that the ramp may be used by PVSC and her associates for club sanctioned events and approved other users.

We believe that the ramp's closure should be targeting larger powered craft that require a vehicle to assist with launching ie - hand launched craft, including small dinghy's and kayaks etc should be able to access the beach via the ramp at all times. We propose that a barrier be installed between the NW corner of the clubhouse and the SW corner of the existing playground at such a height as to allow small craft to pass below it, while excluding vehicular traffic. Port Vincent Sailing club would effectively control the use of the ramp with council permission. We have sought and received the in-principle support of the Port Vincent Foreshore Caravan Park managers to potentially hold a key to allow out of hours emergency services access if required.

PVSC would like to meet with DCYP representatives to negotiate any eventual changes to the current usage arrangements and matters of future use and maintenance of the ramp facility.

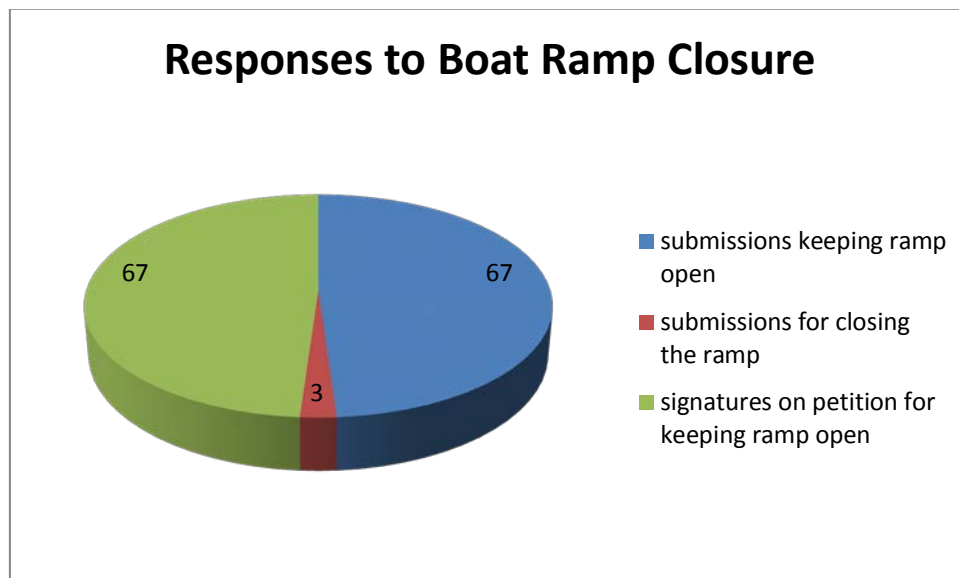
If you wish to seek any further information please don't hesitate to contact me via the details above.
Sincerely,

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PVSC.



PORT VINCENT FORESHORE BOAT RAMP PUBLIC CONSULTATION SUBMISSION
EXTRACTS AND STATISTICS



70 written submissions in total.

67 submissions against closing the ramp.

3 submissions for closing the ramp.

67 signatures on a Petition delivered to Council.

Suggestions to Fix/Compromise	Issues / Concerns Raised
The beach needs to be totally safe and child friendly. Closing the boat ramp is the best solution.	The Marina boat ramp is slippery, steep and unsafe and public don't feel confident in using this ramp.
Limit the size of boats that are allowed to launch.	Too many cars and boat trailers parked along Curramulka street as a direct result of using the PVSCBR.
Only Kayaks, small boats and sailing club boats should launch from ramp.	Boat owners anchor boats along the swimming beach and on either side of PVSCBR. Anchors placed on the beach with the hooks facing upwards. It's hazardous.
Boat launches are being carried out responsibly and often the ramp is vacant. It is not hazard. Boat ramp must stay open!	Launching at the boat ramp is unsafe. Allowing the PVAC exclusive use will create controversy.
Add signage, guard rails, bollards, kerbing etc to limit hazards. Exclude larger boats. Install signage directing traffic and pedestrians.	Launching small boats and dinghy's from the Marina boat ramp proposes a risk as these small boats are exposed to open waters when exiting the Marina, whereas launching from the PVSCBR is much safer and allows boats to potter around in calm shallow waters.
PVSCBR is one of the best laid boat ramps in the district.	Never heard of any accidents at the boat ramp!
Have not witnessed any near accidents or mishaps!	Why would the Yatch club be allowed to continue using ramp?
Ramp plays a big role in attracting people to the area and township.	Marina boat ramp has inadequate parking and could not cope with the extra boat traffic.
The Australian Volunteer Coast Guard launch from the ramp to attend emergencies.	Tourists stating that they will not come back to Port Vincent if PVSCBR is closed as they refuse to launch small boats from the main boat ramp.
THE PVSCBR is suitable because it is low gradient & highly visible.	Marina boat ramp always slippery with algae and very difficult for a solo operator to use.
PVSCBR is easy for a single operator to launch & retrieve a boat.	The playground area is fenced and does not pose a risk to children who are utilising the area.
Use portable bollards to define the edge of boat ramp.	There has never been a pedestrian or boat accident.
PVSCBR is suitable for the aged and for people with minor disabilities to use.	Too many large boats using the boat ramp.
Limit launching vessels of no more than 4.5meter.	
Approximately 100 people have signed a Petition.	

Suggestions to Fix/Compromise	Issues / Concerns Raised
Restrict users from driving down the boat ramp and doing U turns on the beach.	Parking is often very difficult at the Marina Boat Ramp.
No vehicles/boat trailers to be left on the beach.	Marina Boat Ramp too far away.
No boats to be anchored within in ten meters either side of the boat ramp.	Closing town ramp will be detrimental to the locals, caravan park & other tourists.
No parking on the boat ramp.	Difficult to launch at Marina ramp as very steep and slippery surface.
Common sense approach.	Create a time slot for the public to use the ramps
Add two more ramps at the Marina and extend the marina carpark.	Dire consequences for tourism and the lifeblood of the town.
To increase safety simple warning and safety signs could be erected.	The ramp should not be restricted to a privileged few and should be available to all users.
Erect markers clearly defining the boat ramp area.	More convenient for caravan patrons.
Simple safety measures and upgrades to the old boat ramp such as yellow zigzag lines on the ramp area, bollards to alert pedestrians and a stop sign for boats to check the water before entering.	Would create serious congestion at the Marina ramp and the car park.
Signage informing people that launching and retrieving of boats is taking place.	Don't have to pay fee's at the ramp – will have to if forced to use Marina.
Consider pedestrian safety measures such as a crossing, mirrors for pedestrians and motor vehicles and speed humps on the ramp access.	Will holiday elsewhere if closed down.
Restrict usage to boats 7m or smaller.	Why change something that is not broken and has worked for many years without incident.
Increase signage at ramp to improve safety.	Don't change just for the sake of Council needing to be seen to do something to justify their position.
Limited closure of the ramp on days when there are large numbers of students attending Aquatic School.	Not acting in the betterment of the community.
The construction of more lanes at the Marina and associated car parking will be a must if town ramp to be closed.	Has been no safety issues to date.
To assist the PVSC restrict the use of the ramp during their event times only – not all the time.	Marina struggles with numbers now – will only get worse if all boats have to launch from Marina.
If it is a matter of cost then put a ticket machine at the foreshore ramp.	Closing town ramp will cause more safety issues that it does now as Marina ramp will be so much busier.
Make the Marina Ramp safe and more people may use it.	Waiting times at the Marina would be long and possibly causing "Boat Rage".
Should be left open or closed to ALL.	
Prepared to pay a fee for. \$100 per year. Sliding scale fee system suggested. Money to go towards safety maintenance.	More accidents happen at Marina ramp with people slipping on slippery surface.
Suggestions to Fix/Compromise	Issues / Concerns Raised

	Discouraging boaties as this closure would do would hurt the town financially.
	Will be dangerous for smaller boats trying to deal with larger boats at the Marina.
	The greater benefit of the community needs to be preserved.
	Council need to develop an alternative plan rather than the easiest.
	Providing exclusive usage to members of the Port Vincent Sailing Club is not in accordance with “improved engagement”.
	Many nasty falls at the Marina due to the extremely surface.
	Insufficient parking at Marina.
	Will increase traffic congestion at the Marina which already has long line ups and waiting times.
	Handing control of the ramp to PVSC & PVAC is an insult to the residents, business people and tourists.
	The circus on Sunday afternoons with the PVSC & PVAC present more danger to the public than the public using the boat ramp.
	Catastrophic Incident is a huge exaggeration as no incident has ever occurred.
	Is Council going to support a business (PVAC) over the wishes of the public?
	If left for the use of only the PVSC & PVAC it is out right discrimination against all other users – why do they have more right to use the ramp than the rate payers or tourists?
	It is the only ramp we can use on the Yorke Peninsula and this would stop him coming here as he wouldn't be able to launch his boat.
	The ramp was funded by a private donation and laid by volunteers with extensions carried out by volunteers for the public's use.
	Will cause more issues than it will prevent – over crowding at the Marina ramp and carpark, loss of tourism.
	PVSC only use for approx. 22 Sundays a year and PVAC is confined to school hours – why restrict public access for such a small amount of time.
	Can't use the Marina boat ramp so will no longer be able to fish
	Forcing people to use hand launch boats instead of allowing them to use motorised vehicles is increasing the risk of runaway boats and loss of control of trailers.
Suggestions to Fix/Compromise	Issues / Concerns Raised

	Marina Ramp no good for those with small boats especially owned by older persons.
	Negotiating the marina in a non-motorised vessel would be impossible.
	PVSC & PVAC have no right to have the exclusive use of the public areas & facilities.
	No consideration has been given to the older people who find Marina ramp dangerous.
	There is no evidence of any injuries or "catastrophic risk".
	Make PVSC stick to safety rules and most risk would be taken away.
	Supports closing the ramp due to safety reasons but allowing the PVSC to use the ramp on their event days.



RISK ASSESSMENT

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Date of Risk Review 1/01/2016
Compiled By Phil Herrmann Date 4/02/2016

Name Project/Task/Function being Assessed: Port Vincent Foreshore Boat Ramp

Reviewed By Date

				In accordance with AS/NZ 4360:2004 and Yorke Peninsula Risk Management Procedure PR098											
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1	Marine Parade Vehicle accident The entrance to the foreshore boat ramp is in very close proximity to the entrance to the Caravan Park and a sharp bend in the road. The area can become very congested, especially at peak holiday times, increasing the risk of a vehicular accident.	Traffic builds up waiting to enter the caravan park. Caravans block the entrance to the foreshore ramp whilst waiting to enter caravan park, increasing the risk of vehicular accident in the vicinity of the ramp. Any collision that occurs would be at a relative low speed, which will result in property damage.	50km/h speed limit for Marine Parade.	Minor	Possible	Medium			Engineering					Council	
2	Marine Parade Collision between vehicle and pedestrians The entrance to the foreshore boat ramp is in very close proximity to the entrance to the Caravan Park and a sharp bend in the road. The area can become very congested, especially at peak holiday periods. The footpath across the entrance to the boat ramp is the main pedestrian access to the caravan park and carries a high volume of foot traffic. The footpath is also used by persons on bicycles, scooters and skate boards	Pedestrian traffic on footpath is a hazard to vehicle access to the boat ramp. Vehicles are able to be angled park adjacent to the ramp entrance which makes it very difficult for vehicles entering the ramp to observe any pedestrian that is about to cross over the ramp entrance.	Signs placed at entrance to the foreshore ramp and on Sailing club building visible for pedestrian traffic travelling in a south easterly direction "10km/h Shared Zone" 50km/h speed limit for Marine Parade. Vehicle angle parking permitted up to entrance to the foreshore caravan park on the western side of the entrance.	Major	Possible	Extreme	Reduce vehicle access to the foreshore ramp. Currently trailers associated with the activities at the sailing club are parked on the eastern side of the entrance which restricts visibility. Not allow any parking between sailing club and the entrance to the caravan park. Remove 6 car parks on Marine Parde adjacent to the ramp entance on the western side. This will allow clear vision for pedestrians and drivers of vehicles within 16 metres of the entrance to the foreshore ramp. Parking in this area is at a premium and the removal of 6 parks on Marine Parade will negatively impact on the shortage of available parking in the area.		Engineering					Council	
3	Vehicles leaving the ramp colliding with pedestrians on footpath	Pedestrian traffic travelling in a westerly direction from the caravan park on the footpath towards the ramp are obscured by the building of the sailing club which is on the boundary. A pedestrian, especially on a bicycle, scooter or skate board that travels quicker than walking pace could suddenly cross the path of a vehicle and a collision occurs.	10km/h Shared Zone signage.	Moderate	Possible	High	Re route the footpath so that pedestrians and vehicles are clearly visible to each other. Pedestrian access to the caravan park is difficult, but need to look at the possibility of re routing the footpath through the area currently used for the parking.		Engineering						
4	Collision between vehicles and pedestrians using the shared zone between the side door of the Sailing Club and the playground	The double door of the sailing club opens directly onto the boat ramp. A person walking out of the Sailing Club has very poor visibility of any vehicular traffic on this portion of the ramp. It has been observed at times that the speed of vehicles using the ramp may exceed the 10km/h shared zone speed limit. The collision will result in personal injury and property damage.	10 Km/h Shared Zone signage	Moderate	Possible	High	Barrier to be placed near the double door to the Sailing Club on the ramp so that pedestrians are in a restricted area when leaving the Sailing Club. Place stop sign so that vehicles need to stop before entering Marine Parade.		Engineering						

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5	Collision between vehicles and pedestrians.	The entrance from the ramp to the foreshore area has a wall of the sailing club on one side and a stone retaining wall on the other. These walls severely restrict the vision of persons entering the area in a vehicle and obstructs the sighting of vehicles by pedestrians about to cross the ramp.	There are no permanent controls are in place. When activities are being undertaken within the sailing club they place a portable barrier adjacent to the sailing club wall to restrict the movement of pedestrians walking in a westerly direction adjacent to the sailing club. This ensures pedestrians walk about 2 metres from the wall, giving drivers of vehicles and pedestrians are clearer view of other users.	Moderate	Possible	High	A see through fence/barrier should be placed at either side of the ramp as it enters the foreshore area. These barriers should be about 3 metres in length so that all users of the foreshore in this vicinity are visible to each other.								
6	Collision between vehicles and trailers, pedestrians, boats, sailing and aquatic activities and equipment using the foreshore area.	The Port Vincent Aquatics Centre and the Port Vincent Sailing Club uses the Sailing Club and the foreshore area and the boat ramp for their activities which include sailing, canoeing, water skiing and swimming. This results in a large amount of activity in the water and the placement of a large amount of equipment and trailers on the foreshore. Collisions from those entering the area to launch their boat with equipment left on the foreshore.	The activities associated at the Sailing club result in the use of a large amount of equipment which is left on the beach. This may consist of canoes, small yachts or trailers that are used to launch the small vessels.	Minor	Possible	medium	Restrict Public Access. Delineate the ramp from the foreshore so that vehicles do not leave the ramp. Liaise with the organisers of the activities undertaken from the sailing club not to leave equipment within 5 metres of the ramp. The Port Vincent Sailing Club and the Port Vincent Aquatics Club regularly use the foreshore for events, training and associated activities. Council need to issue them a licence to use the foreshore and as part of this licence agreement they need to supply a Management Plan on how they control the risks associated with their activities.								
7	Collision between vehicles and beachgoers on the foreshore.	Collisions from those entering the area to launch their boat with beachgoers on the foreshore. The foreshore area adjacent to the boat ramp is a very popular beach for swimmers, sunbakers, and children playing in the sand. The area is very popular for young toddlers to play. They could easily wander off and not be seen by any vehicle on the beach and a collision could occur. Many users of the facility are unable to reverse their vehicles with confidence, meaning they have to do a U turn on the foreshore to use the facility. This also causes problems at high tide as their is insufficient room to safely perform a U turn on the ramp. The 10km/h speed limit is at times not adhered to by drivers using the ramp, which increases the risk of an incident. There is a risk to personal injury and property damage.	Nil, Some users of the facility back their vehicles and trailers down the ramp, ensuring they stay on the ramp. Other users drive off the ramp onto the beach so that they can do a U turn and drive back onto the ramp and reverse back a short way to launch their boat. Some users of the facility also launch their boats from the sandy area adjacent to the ramp.	catastrophic	Possible	extreme	Delineate the ramp from the foreshore so that vehicles can not leave the ramp. Restrict Public Access.								
8	Personal Injury and property damage.	The use of the area for swimming and snorkelling adjacent to the ramp puts these people at risk of a collision with power boats coming to the ramp for retrieval or after they have been launched.	DPTI have implemented 4 knot limit in the general vicinity to slow vessels using the area.	catastrophic	Possible	extreme	Reduce the number of motor boats using the ramp.								
9	Personal Injury and property damage.	Many boats owners moor their boats for extended periods in front of the caravan park. Anchors are often left exposed becoming a trip hazard for beach users. Boats anchors are also left on the sand whilst persons are collecting their car and trailer. The boats may also swing at the anchor and collide with another vessel.	Nil	Minor	Possible	medium									

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10	Verbal and Physical abuse	The users of the ramp to launch and retrieve their boats have altercations over alleged incidents that occur in the vicinity of the ramp.	Nil	Minor	Possible	medium									



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17/02/16

To The District Council of Yorke Peninsula
Re: Port Vincent foreshore boat ramp public consultation.

To Whom it may Concern,

The purpose of this letter is to formally outline PVSC's position regarding the usage of the ramp in question. This letter is written in collaboration with our partner/tenant Port Vincent Aquatic Centre.

The issues:

YPC has distributed a document containing public comments and a risk assessment surrounding perceived safety issues involving the ramp and surrounding areas.

Our proposal:

PVSC and PVAC acknowledge that there are some aspects of public safety that deserve attention and are therefore in support of the following short/medium term suggestions:

1. Erecting a fence (A) (similar to existing playground fencing) down the Westerly edge of the existing ramp past the playground to a maximum of 3m. See diagram.
2. Erecting a Fence (B) (similar to existing playground fencing) down the Westerly side of the PVSC clubhouse facility, extending past the clubhouse facility to a distance equal to the existing 'deck' structure towards the foreshore. It should run along the building extending past the building towards the road to a maximum of 1.5m. This fence would facilitate a walkway area. This walkway area **must** allow provision for pedestrian and disabled access to both club and foreshore as well as 'loading' access to the PVSC facility. Further to this, PVSC believe it important to maintain some parking on our leasehold area, primarily for Disabled access and loading/unloading. PVSC is keen to negotiate with council re the sealing of this area for this purpose.
3. PVSC and PVAC would be prepared to display temporary signage (eg a 'sandwich boards' or teardrop flags) as well as appropriate temporary delineation device (eg plastic cones/bollards) alerting beach users that event are in progress and to be aware of boat/car/trailer traffic.
4. Maintenance of the 'Shared Zone' 10km/h speed limit in the vicinity of the ramp.
5. PVSC and PVAC would like to suggest that the council to also complete the following:
 - a. Suitably address the inconsistency and loose aggregate road surface of the road/ramp, particularly where the proposed 'new' pedestrian walkway will be placed.
 - b. Paint lines on the ramp delineating two ramp lanes and footpath areas in yellow paint. (The lane closest to the PVSC facility 'could' be prioritised for PVSC & PVAC usage, but this is not essential). Please see attached diagram.



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- c. Re-painting of the roadway and parking spaces in the vicinity of the boatramp area showing both proper roadway and the 'buffer' zone for vehicles entering and leaving the ramp.
- d. Erect signs informing users that this is a 'reversing only' ramp and that 'U Turns' are not permitted (ie vehicles should not drive forward down the ramp)
- e. Facilitate in the future, the re-routing of the footpath access to and from the Foreshore Caravan Park.
- f. Erect a stop sign at the Marine Pde end of the boatramp to ensure slower/safer egress from ramp.
- g. Further investigate ways to ensure that the boat ramp does not become congested.

We acknowledge that these measures do not address all of the issues raised with the Risk Assessment document, but do address many of the safety issues surrounding the usage of this ramp by a proportion of its users as well as other matters of public safety in this area.

PVSC and PVAC do not endorse the following:

- Removal of the car parking within our leasehold area (We intend to use this as Disabled Parking and loading zone and this area is within our leasehold)
- Removal of car parking spaces on the roadway in the vicinity to the ramp (there is already a shortage of parking in this area)
- Disallowing sailing boat trailers and other related aquatics equipment to be stored on the foreshore during event periods or aquatics sessions. (This is impractical for all users and does not solve any serious safety concerns).
- Restrict craft based on size (length alone).

We look forward to working with the council further on these matters in order to come up with practical solutions which address the issues while not compromising our requirements.

Greg Hackett

Commodore
PVSC.

Please note:

The attached diagram is not to scale and is more of a 'mud map' diagram to show our proposals. We invite council members and staff to discuss any or all of these matters in order to seek further clarifications of our intentions.

