



Speech By Hon. Mark Bailey

MEMBER FOR MILLER

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MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Compass Marina

Hon. MC BAILEY (Miller—ALP) (Minister for Transport and Main Roads) (6.57 pm): I rise to make a ministerial statement. Today I learned from the member for Redcliffe that dozens of people who enjoy berthing rights at Compass Marina in Scarborough are facing eviction, through no fault of their own. The member for Redcliffe's office has already spoken with a number of those affected, including some who live on the water and call the marina home, and they want answers. The member for Redcliffe is very concerned about those members of her community and the challenges that they are facing. Today my department and I held urgent meetings with the member for Redcliffe as part of our efforts to assist those who live at and enjoy the marina.

What we do know is that the operator of the marina, a tenant of the state government, has not paid rent for this facility since 2012. Despite the fact that subtenants have themselves been paying rent all this time, the operator has refused to pay what is due to the state and the matter is the subject of litigation and is currently listed before the courts. The marina's operator now says it wants to cease operations, meaning that within weeks some tenants risk being kicked out. Locals are saying that they think that is unfair. I absolutely agree with them and I know that the member for Redcliffe does, as well.

On Saturday morning, the member for Redcliffe will be attending a community meeting at Compass Marina to listen to the concerns of locals and hear from the company operating the facility. I encourage all locals who are concerned about what is happening to go along to Scarborough on Saturday and have their say. I will continue to work with the member for Redcliffe and my Department of Transport and Main Roads to get the best outcome for those who live at and enjoy Compass Marina, which is a great part of Redcliffe.