

Question on Notice

No. 1438

Asked on 17 November 2021

MS A CAMM ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise for the Laguna Quays boat ramp, details on public access and use and details of the agreement with Voluntary Marine Rescue (VMR) and recreational access?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Whitsunday for the question.

The boat ramp and boat harbour located at Laguna Quays are privately owned boating facilities. I am advised that one of the Department of Resources' lease conditions for the resort is that access to and from the recreational boat ramp be made available for public use at all tides, to the satisfaction of the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) and Mackay Regional Council. TMR has indicated to the resort owner that the ramp's continued closure is unsatisfactory. An interim measure—prior to harbour dredging—the resort owner could take, is to open the boat ramp for part-tide use. Any agreement about use of the ramp by Volunteer Marine Rescue (VMR) vessels is a matter between the resort owner and VMR.

TMR has recently completed construction of a new public boat ramp at Midge Point, which I have visited, as committed to in a previous QTRIP. This new boat ramp is a short drive from Laguna Quays.