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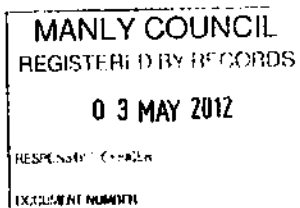
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Letter from Director Maritime



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Mr H T Wong
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Dear Mr Wong

Thank you for your correspondence of 23 March 2012 regarding a proposal to conduct a feasibility study into reinstatement of a boardwalk and Harbour pool at Manly Cove.

* Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) is the landowner of the relevant submerged lands and will consider any formal proposal from Manly Council to re-establish a boardwalk and pool. Should the proposal proceed, Council would need to enter into an appropriate occupancy arrangement with RMS for a community facility. Annual rent under any such arrangement would be at the RMS minimum concessional rent, currently \$498 per annum. *

From a navigation perspective there would need to be some form of small boat access to the outside of the boardwalk to replace the existing direct access to the beach. This could be in the form of pontoons or by other means to be decided through the feasibility study. The existing fendering system for the Manly ferry is also likely to require modification.

As proponent of the development, Manly Council would need to engage with all relevant stakeholders. Improved public access to the foreshore and waterway would be encouraged; therefore, all users of the waterway would need to be considered.

Due to locality characteristics and the known environmental sensitivity of the area, the proposal is likely to require detailed investigations and studies (e.g. sea grass, little penguins etc.). From a social context, investigations into impacts on existing/future users of the area, such as recreational vessels, passive craft etc. would need to be considered.

RMS provides grant funding, through the Better Boating Program (BBP) for recreational boating projects that benefit a broad cross-section of the boating public and have the support of Council and community. The provision of infrastructure for use by recreational vessels, as a component of the boardwalk and pool development, may be eligible for grant funding under the BBP. The eligibility of any works would need to be discussed with RMS at the concept design stage.

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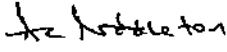
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Council may also be eligible for funding through the Sharing Sydney Harbour Access Program administered by the Department of Planning and Infrastructure.

If you require any further information, please contact Michael Wright, General Manager Maritime Property, Planning and Infrastructure at RMS, on (02) 9563 8660.

Yours sincerely

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