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Dear Ron

Thank you for your email dated 30 September 2015 regarding the causeway within Johns Creek Boat Harbour.

You will be aware that the causeway rock revetment wall was installed by DoT to provide an interim platform to construct the break walls. On completion of construction works it was DoT's intention to remove the rocks

The Shire of Roebourne requested that the rock causeway be retained and arranged to lay concrete over the top of the revetment wall so that they could provide safe public access. DoT approved and as part of the consent a lease was issued to the Shire of Roebourne in 2000 for the whole of the causeway, including both boat ramps to the high water mark within Johns Creek Boat Harbour.

The lease covers provisions such as ongoing DoT access along the causeway to undertake maintenance of navigational aids and any cyclone contingency works.

DoT is not reliant on access along the causeway and it is the City of Karratha's responsibility for the management and maintenance of the causeway for public access.

Item 9 in the lease schedule states that ***"...the lessee will ensure that its operation of the causeway and the boat ramps will at all times comply with all standards and procedures recommended or required by Worksafe Western Australia"***

The City of Karratha has two options to either continue to maintain the walkway to provide access, or remove the concrete path component leaving the original rock wall. It is considered that the walkway cannot be effectively closed or blocked off to public access while there is a path over the rocks.

Regarding future use of the area the Department has identified that the western edge of the harbour beyond the causeway may be a suitable site for any future pen development. However the proposal is not currently on any future planning program

To date there has not been any consideration on the future use of the causeway because of DoT's intention to remove it at the completion of the harbour works in 1999.

DoT understands that the original intent of the shire was to provide community benefit and access for recreational fishers and DoT has provided vehicle parking and line marking to accommodate access.

DoT considers that if there was no longer a requirement for public access into that area of the harbour, it would mitigate some of the risk and conflict with users traversing the working boat harbour to access the causeway.

If you have any queries or require further information please contact Vicky Shilvock on 94357676.

Yours sincerely



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