

Report to the Environment Committee  
from Wayne Hastie, Manager, Resource Policy

## **Clyde Quay Boat Harbour – Request for Heritage Protection**

### **1. Purpose**

To provide further information on the historic merit of the breakwater and fore-and-aft moorings at the Clyde Quay Boat Harbour.

### **2. Background**

Report 00.54 to the February meeting of the Committee outlined a request for the Council to include the breakwater and fore-and-aft moorings at the Clyde Quay Boat Harbour as heritage items in the Regional Coastal Plan. Staff recommended that the request be declined. Mr Craig Palmer addressed members on the request on behalf of the Mount Victoria Residents Association.

Following discussion the Committee resolved to defer consideration of this matter until the next meeting of the Committee pending officers' discussions with the Wellington City Council, with an aim of clarifying the issues.

The matter was raised again at the April meeting of the Committee when it accepted a recommendation to further defer consideration of the matter pending receipt and consideration of expert advice on the matter. This advice has now been received and considered.

### **3. The assessment**

Michael Kelly, heritage consultant, was engaged to report on the historic merit of the items. A copy of his report is included as Attachment 1.

The report's recommendations are:

- 1) That the breakwaters have sufficient heritage value to be listed on the Wellington Regional Council's schedule of heritage items.
- 2) That consideration be given to listing the two parallel seawalls that mark the east and west boundaries of Clyde Quay boat harbour.
- 3) That, because of the difficulty in ascribing any particular significance to the fore-and-aft moorings, they not be listed on the schedule.

#### 4. **Discussion**

Provisions in the Regional Coastal Plan seek to protect the values of the items of historic merit listed in the Plan. For example, permitted activity rules allowing minor extension, modification or removal of structures do not apply to historic items. It is important to note that the Plan does not give outright protection to historic items, but does trigger a consent process enabling the merits of each proposal to be given full scrutiny.

Given the findings of the historical assessment, it is recommended that the Clyde Quay breakwater and eastern and western seawalls be added to Appendix 4 of the Plan during the first change to the Plan, but that the fore-and-aft moorings not be included.

The Council has committed to change to Plan provisions relating to Port noise in association with changes to the Wellington City District Plan. Such a change may occur in the next financial year, subject to formal Council approval.

#### 5. **Communication**

The Mount Victoria Residents Association and Wellington City Council have both been sent a copy of the historical assessment and this Report. They will be notified of the Committee's decision.

#### 6. **Recommendations**

- 1) *That the Committee recommends to Council that the breakwater and eastern and western seawalls of the Clyde Quay boat harbour be recognised as items of historic merit in the Regional Coastal Plan.*
- 2) *That the necessary changes be delayed until they can be incorporated with other changes to the Plan.*
- 3) *That the fore-and-aft moorings at the Clyde Quay boat harbour not be recognised as items of historic merit in the Regional Coastal Plan.*

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Attachments: 1

