

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

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

### **1. Purpose**

To enable the Committee to consider a request from the Mount Victoria Residents Association Inc to include the Clyde Quay Boat Harbour breakwater and for 'n aft moorings as features of historic merit in Appendix 4 of the Regional Coastal Plan.

### **2. Background**

The Council is in the final stages of preparing its Regional Coastal Plan under the Resource Management Act 1991. Appendix 4 of the Plan contains a list of features and buildings of historic merit. There are specific policies and rules in the Plan that refer to Appendix 4.

The Council received several submissions on the Plan requesting that additional items be added to Appendix 4. In decisions on the submissions, the Council accepted some additional items on the basis that they had been identified in the Wellington Harbour Maritime Planning Scheme 1988 as “objects and building which merit preservation”. The Council rejected the inclusion of the Rona Bay Wharf on the basis that it was only listed in the Maritime Planning Scheme as a historic structure that “merits recording”.

### **3. Request for heritage protection of the Clyde Quay Boat Harbour**

Councillors and Council staff have received a request from the Mount Victoria Residents Association Inc to consider including the Clyde Quay Boat Harbour breakwater and fore 'n aft moorings as features of historic merit in Appendix 4 of the Regional Coastal Plan. A copy of the request is included as Attachment 1.

The letter from the Residents Association also suggests that the Council consider the merits of registering its interest with Wellington City Council regarding the proposed sale of boatsheds and other facilities at the Clyde Quay Boat Harbour.

#### 4. **Considerations**

The Clyde Quay Boat Harbour breakwater and fore 'n aft moorings are not listed in any of the five schedules of "Objects or Buildings of Special Merit" contained in the Wellington Harbour Maritime Planning Scheme 1988. Similarly the features are not listed in the Historic Places Trust Register. However, the Clyde Quay Boat Harbour is listed in the Wellington City District Plan as a heritage area. The District Plan reference is to the boat sheds that line the landward side of the Boat Harbour.

Based on the logic followed in the Council's decisions on submissions on the Coastal Plan, it seems likely that had the request been made at that time, it would have been declined. There appears to be no reason to make a different decision at this time.

The letter from the Residents Association indicates that changes will need to be made to the Coastal Plan almost straightaway. The Plan is not yet operative, and a variation at this time would significantly delay its progress, as well as incur additional costs. The Council has made some commitments to change the Plan in the future to align provisions with the adjacent district plans. The timing of such changes is uncertain.

Regarding the Council becoming involved in the proposed sale of facilities at the Clyde Quay Boat Harbour, this is a matter relating to asset management by the City Council and not one in which the Regional Council should become involved.

#### 5. **Communication**

The report arises from a specific request from the Mount Victoria Residents Association Inc and the outcome of the Committee's deliberations should be reported to them. There is no need for any communication with the wider community.

#### 6. **Recommendations**

1. *That the Committee decline the request from the Mount Victoria Residents Association to include the Clyde Quay Boat Harbour breakwater and fore 'n aft moorings in Appendix 4 of the Regional Coastal Plan.*
2. *That the Council not become involved in the proposed sale by Wellington City Council of the boatsheds and other facilities at the Clyde Quay Boat Harbour.*
3. *That the Committee Chairperson writes to the Mount Victoria Residents Association advising them of the decisions.*

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Attachments: 1