

What do we want in Boat Bay?

We want our jetty back!

Mission Beach needs a serviceable jetty to cater for the needs of the present community

We need the Council to rebuild our jetty urgently



Why has the jetty been left without proper repair?

- Cyclone Yasi is being used by would-be marina developers to take advantage of the post-YASI reconstruction effort. They are lobbying Federal and State Politicians and government department officials to cut through red tape and fast-track approval for a Marina at Boat Bay.
- Council must stop listening to would-be marina developers and give back to Mission Beach residents the safe landing they used to enjoy. A marina would benefit only a few.
- A group of local business and tourism operators, recreational boaters and long term residents believe a well designed jetty, incorporating fuel and water supply and consideration for community recreational fishing activities is the appropriate infrastructure to cater for the Mission Beach tourism and boating needs well into the future and would retain the unique and cultural values of Boat Bay.

In this exposed bay, on a cyclone prone coast, the call for a marina is unrealistic and:

- *holds up progress of a proper jetty upgrade,*
- *divides the community and*
- *threatens to destroy one of Mission Beach's most valuable natural assets.*

A marina is inconsistent with the community vision for Mission Beach (FNQ 2031 Regional Plan)

A jetty and boat ramp will benefit the *whole* community and protect once and for all the exceptional values of Boat Bay and the Clump Point area

**BOAT BAY'S OUTSTANDING NATURAL VALUES
and
MISSION BEACH VILLAGE LIFESTYLE
ARE PROTECTED IN LAW
FOLLOWING IN-DEPTH PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

**MISSION BEACH DOESN'T SUPPORT
CORPORATE WELFARE FOR YET ANOTHER "RESORT TOWN"**

Mission Beach has special World Heritage values.

- This is where the Wet Tropics and the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Areas meet: rainforest and cassowaries, beach stone curlews, seagrass and dugongs and turtles; high scenic values including the rainforest clad hills, the elegant unique headland and distant Island views.
- Dredging, rock walls, reclamation will significantly and permanently damage the benthic communities (including seagrass) on which dugongs and all marine creatures depend.

Marinas become boat storage parks.

- Each moored vessel adds six to ten litres of toxic antifouling paint to the sea every year.
- Absentee-owned vessels become environmental pollution risks, abandoned in cyclones instead of being removed to a mangrove creek anchorage.
- Marinas are a doubtful business investment. Proponents are most likely to use loopholes in planning law to claim "ancillary" development rights in the hazard zone to make the marina financially viable.
- Flow-on infrastructure (roads, car parks, residential) will have adverse impacts on cassowaries and other terrestrial wildlife.
- To promise *safe harbour* on this cyclone prone coast is at best misleading, at worst plain dishonest. Boat Bay is a wide-open lee shore, where no seaman would leave a vessel in a storm.

History of community and scientific input into protective legislation

- The government must not abandon the wildlife and habitat presently protected under existing legislation, nor the good work of past DERM officers and scientists, nor override the input of long community consultation, nor ignore the "*Mission Beach - Naturally*" vision of the Mission Beach community.
- Boat Bay's superlative natural values and the Mission Beach village lifestyle have been protected in law, following in-depth public consultation. All past planning and community input has excluded large scale maritime development from Boat Bay. The government has no moral right to disregard all the good work and legitimate decisions now enacted in statutory plans.
- The government must stand by its own legislation and the people of Mission Beach who contributed to it, rather than favour the private interests of three recently-arrived developers who have started promoting Mission Beach as a "resort town".

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