

In addition to the Council Report, please find attached a copy of the technical option assessment report on the proposed safe boat refuge, prepared by the marine specialised consultants BMT.

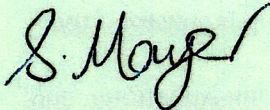
At the meeting, Council also acknowledged a need to investigate potential options and external funding sources for the FCG secondary vessel storage facility in the vicinity of the Frankston Foreshore.

This facility is necessary to ensure FCG can launch their vessel from Kananook Creek at the time of an emergency and to conduct training activities closer to its proposed permanent accommodation at Frankston Yacht Club building. We would like to jointly explore opportunities for a storage facility at Frankston Foreshore including funding options with your Department and other Government Agencies.

Council is keen to work the Victorian and Federal Government on this important project and would appreciate the opportunity to discuss this project further.

Should you require further information about this project and the investigations undertaken, please contact Mr Vishal Gupta, Manager Capital Works Delivery by phone on: (03) 9784 1095 or email: Vishal.Gupta@frankston.vic.gov.au.

Yours faithfully



Cr Sandra Mayer
MAYOR – FRANKSTON CITY

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CC: **Member for Frankston**
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The Hon. Jaala Pulford MP
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Dear Minister

INVESTIGATIONS INTO A SAFE BOAT REFUGE IN FRANKSTON CITY

I am writing on behalf of the Frankston City community and Frankston Volunteer Coast Guard (FCG) to provide an update on Council's investigations into a safe boat refuge in Frankston City.

Over the past 18 months, Council has undertaken extensive research, investigations and consultation with community members and relevant authorities in to the possibility of a safe boat refuge within Frankston City to improve marine search and rescue response in the Frankston City region of Port Phillip Bay.

The proposed safe boat refuge in Frankston City is an important piece of maritime infrastructure that would provide safe retrieval of marine vessels during extreme weather conditions. This would mean that in the event of a lifesaving water rescue, services could be coordinated from a safe location whereby transfer of patients to paramedics and Frankston Hospital can be more immediate and completed with minimal tidal movement interference.

A detailed report outlining key findings from these investigations was tabled at the 14 October 2019 Ordinary Council Meeting (attached for reference) whereby Council allocated \$400,000 in its 2020-2021 budget to undertake fit out and associated building works to the first floor of the Frankston Yacht Club building which will permanently house the FCG from January 2021.

However, due to the scale of the proposed safe boat refuge, its strong community interest and need for external funding sources, Council has collated its findings from the recent investigations for Victorian and Federal Government consideration and guidance on the future of a safe boat refuge in Frankston City.