16th December, 2016.

Mr Anthony Witherdin,

Director, Modification Assessments, Planning Services,

Department of Planning & Environment.

Dear Mr Witherdin,

Application Number: MP 06_0309 MOD 3

Location: Trinity Point Drive, Morisset Park.

I write in response to the exhibition of the modification to the concept plan for Trinity Point to include a heliport on the marina.

The reports and studies submitted with this application indicate that the restricted operations proposed will be within EPA noise guidelines. These reports also indicate it will not have a detrimental effect on the local environment and will not significantly impact on the visual amenity of the location. Whilst these expert reports provide evidence to support this proposal, the over-riding concern is the noise impact that helicopter movements will make to an otherwise very quiet, idyllic and popular lakeside residential neighbourhood.

If an approval is provided for this modification it must include firm and direct conditions of operation. Other than a 30 metre managed safety zone and pontoon management, all of the remaining requirements are guidelines. These include pilots requested to use over water landing and departure paths; to avoid low level flight over houses; to seek permission from the helipad operator for use; to not operate joy flights etc.

All of these requests and guidelines, if adhered to, will minimise the noise impact. However failure to do so will create an unacceptable situation. Any approval must provide firm recommendations and requirements for the operation, not suggested guidelines.

This must include the parties responsible for ensuring that whatever is put in place happens and if not the actions and penalties that will be applied. It should be that, if approval is provided, failure on the part of the helipad owner to comply with the conditions will result in a requirement to cease operations and remove the helipad.

How will the maximum number of movements per day/week be monitored? How will the type of helicopter permitted to use the helipad be monitored? Procedures and requirements need to be put in place for any non-compliance to an approval. Non-compliances to be reported and actions taken to ensure breaches are recorded and penalties and actions are applied.

Yours sincerely,