

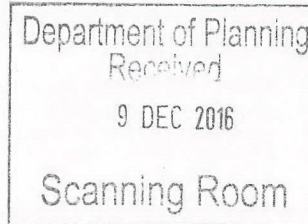


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Department of Planning & Environment
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Attention: Amy Robertson



Dear Ms Robertson

TRINITY POINT MARINA – MODIFICATION PROPOSAL FOR A HELIPAD – MP 06 0309 MOD 3

I refer to your email to the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) on 16 November 2016 inviting the EPA to review and provide a submission in respect of the Environmental Assessment (EA) prepared in support of the above proposed development modification.

The EPA understands that the proposal seeks to modify the existing Concept Plan to include the use of a helipad which has:

- a 20m x 20m pontoon with a 30 metre wide managed safety zone (during helicopter landing and take-off only);
- maximum of eight (8) movements per day (ie. 4 landings and 4 departures);
- maximum of 38 movements per week (ie. 19 landings and 19 departures);
- operating hours from 8am (Monday-Saturday) and from 9am (Sunday and public holidays), through to sunset (time seasonally variable), and no night time use; and
- no refuelling or maintenance facilities.

Helicopter-related activities are licensed by the EPA under Schedule 1 of the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997*. Despite this, Air Services Australia are the regulatory authority for any noise impacts of helicopter take off, landing and inflight activities.

As the proposal is for over 30 flight movements per week within 1 kilometre of a dwelling not associated with the landing, taking off or parking of helicopters, the helipad will need to be included on the Environment Protection Licence (EPL).

Trinity Point Marina operates under a EPL for boat mooring and storage, EPL 20631. Johnson Property Group will need apply to vary this EPL prior to commencing construction to include this activity and ensure that the construction and use of the helipad is appropriately managed and they comply with the conditions of this EPL.

Consequently, the nature of the proposal is such that it will not necessitate the EPA providing any Recommended Conditions of Approval as no refuelling or maintenance facilities are proposed for the helipad.

If you require any further information regarding this matter please contact Grace Bell on (02) 4908 6893.

Yours sincerely



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