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For attention: All Tweed Shire Councillors

Dear Mr Green,

Proposed Chinderah Pontoon / Jetty

TWEED RIVER
JETTY PONTONS
TWEED SHIRE COUNCIL
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I was informed last week by a Tweed Shire councillor of notice of motion by councillor Katie Milne, in regard to the joint venture project with Council to build the subject pontoon. So I am writing to every Councillor, to please bear in mind when considering Councillor Milne's motion, to also consider the following matters.

i) This pontoon/jetty was proposed by our Association almost eighteen months ago. And, in August 2012, Council voted to support our submission and work with our community to enable the project to become a reality.

ii) Since August 2012 a tremendous effort was made by the Association to successfully procure a \$60,000 Community Building Partnership grant from the NSW government. However, as Council had applied to the Department of Roads and Maritime Services for a \$60,000 grant, we were compelled to return our grant on the advice of Council staff.

iii) The Chinderah Tavern Social Fishing Club donated \$5,000 which was used to engage consultant, Darrel Anderson to prepare a development application for the jetty, even though Council is the owner / operator of the proposed pontoon.

iv) The Taphouse Hotel Group have agreed to donate \$25,000 towards the project as well. It is this Group, it would appear, that has upset Councillor Milne, for she stated to me in a telephone conversation some months ago, that she was opposed to the pontoon's location because "the pub would benefit". My reply to this was and still is, "I hope so, and also the Seers newsagency and hopefully any other business operators who, through the pontoon, will be encouraged to set up business here and facilitate a revitalisation of the Chinderah waterfront". Councillor Milne also wanted the pontoon's size reduced to 30m. I argued that if the Tweed Endeavour Cruise boat pulled up at the pontoon, where would the local boatowners - Chinderah, Oxley Cove, Cudgen and Kingscliff people, let alone those from Salt and Casuarina, tie up their boats?

Councillor Milne also wants to move the pontoon's location further north towards Jenner's Corner, right where the velocities of a Tweed river in flood cross from the Oxley Cove side to our side of

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the river.

Now we have the 4 or 5 professional fishermen object at this late stage to the pontoon. They too like Councillor Milne want the location moved northwards. There is an area here that is defined as an area for the fishermen to haul. However all of the locals the Association has spoken to have **never seen** any professional fishermen hauling on this side of the river in the proposed location.

Council officer, Tom Alletson, has also put in a huge amount of time assessing our submission and was in agreement with the proposed site and the 40m length. Are his efforts and ours to be wasted?

At our monthly held on 6 August, a unanimous vote was recorded by the members, to ask Council to proceed with our initial proposal. It might also be advantageous to ask the professional fishermen to substantiate their alleged claims.

This, as stated previously is a proposal of community and tourist benefit. Chinderah once had a jetty which accommodated ocean going ships that loaded sugar from the Cudgen mill.

So we ask council to consider the wishes and aspirations of our community. We have worked assiduously to bring this project to life with Council's support. Please endorse our initial proposal and

let our pontoon proceed.

Yours sincerely,

 28/8/12

Felicia Cecil, President.