



Mr Troy Green
General Manager
Tweed Shire Council
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Dear Mr Green

As you would be aware, the Kingscliff flotilla of the Australian Volunteer Coast Guard (AVCGA) will cease operations on November 30, 2014, at the latest. From this point, no radio watch, rescue operations or training activities will be conducted and the flotilla will be formally decommissioned by the AVCGA.

I am, therefore, writing to request your assistance in ensuring that the boating community in the Kingscliff area can be confident that it will be assisted and protected through the ongoing provision of an accredited and effective marine rescue service.

The withdrawal of the Kingscliff Coast Guard's rescue accreditation by the State Government, on the advice of the State Rescue Board, in December 2013 prevents its transition to Marine Rescue NSW (MRNSW) as a fully operational and accredited marine search and rescue unit. We have encouraged its members who wish to keep serving their local boating community to join either of our nearest units, at Point Danger or Brunswick Heads.

Following the withdrawal of the Coast Guard's accreditation, MRNSW moved to ensure a continuity of service by pre-positioning a rescue vessel in the Kingscliff area, based at the Kingscliff Police Station.

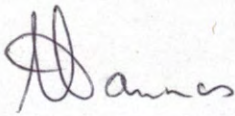
The AVCGA National Commodore has approached MRNSW in relation to the potential acquisition of the flotilla's assets and interest in maintaining the facility as it currently exists. While the question of the acquisition of assets is yet to be resolved, MRNSW is keen to acquire the lease/licence of the flotilla's premises and assuming the tenancy in order to establish a satellite base of the Marine Rescue Point Danger unit, operating under the full control of the existing unit executive.

I would, therefore, respectfully ask Council to give urgent consideration to renewing the lease over these premises (Tower and training facility) with MRNSW. I believe this move would be supported by boaters in the Kingscliff area and community representatives.

I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this matter with you or any Council representatives as you see fit. I can be contacted on 8071 4848 or 0411 508 473 or via stacey.tannos@mrnsw.com.au

Thank you for your consideration of this request. I look forward to discussing it in more detail.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stacey Tannos', written in a cursive style.

Stacey Tannos ESM
Commissioner

Cc Mr Geoff Provest MP
Member for Tweed

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