

# STAFF REPORT

**TO:** Mayor and Councillors  
**FROM:** Manager Property Services  
**DATE:** 31 May 2010  
**SUBJECT:** New Marina, Port Taranokohe - Report RCN10-06-14

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## PURPOSE

To consider bringing forward funding of \$3,550,000 to the 2010/2011 financial year for the construction of a new marina with approximately 86 berths on the outer eastern arm at Port Taranokohe.

## BACKGROUND

A comprehensive report on marina proposals for Port Taranokohe was presented to the Enterprises Subcommittee on 19 May 2010. The Subcommittee resolved:

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FN10-05-07**

**THAT the reports from MWH dated February and May 2010 regarding the proposed new marinas at Port Taranokohe be received and the Council be requested to bring forward the funding of \$3,550,000.00 to the 2010/2011 financial year;**

**and**

**THAT staff continue to develop and investigate a proposed marina near the outer eastern arm of Taranokohe Harbour and report back to Council Enterprises Subcommittee as soon as possible.**

**THAT Council Staff discuss with Port Taranokohe Ltd the security of the water supply.  
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## DISCUSSION

The LTCCP has provided for a total of \$5,500,000 over a period of 11 years at \$500,000 per annum. The request is to draw down \$3,550,000 to enable the new marina to be constructed. The full costs of the marina will be funded by user charges.

The intention of the project is as follows:

- 1 To meet the demand for marina berthage at Port Taranaki, the waiting lists at 40 berths exist already and the marina berths have never been promoted.
- 2 To spread the general operating costs of harbour.
- 3 To assist in meeting the costs of the existing port debt which is partly being funded by rates at present.
- 4 The opportunity to provide further employment opportunities and investment in local infrastructure by the private sector.
- 5 To provide a financial return to Council.

The proposal has been completed to a stage where there is confidence that it can proceed and be affordable. We are happy to have the project peer reviewed and have intended to do this to ensure that the proposals are robust. It is acknowledged that more financial information needs to be provided before a final decision on whether the new marina construction should proceed and this will occur when the peer review has been provided.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT funding of \$3,550,000 be brought forward into the 2010/2011 Annual Plan to be loan funded with payments being met by way of user charges.**

**THAT staff continue to develop the marina proposal and undertake a peer review followed by a financial analysis and that this be reported to a Council or Corporate Services Committee meeting for final sign off and approval.**

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