

**EDEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
POSITION STATEMENT: Eden Port Redevelopment 26 April 2016**

This is a NSW Trade & Investment Crown Lands (Lands) Project. At the beginning of the project, Lands invited members of the community to apply for a position on a Community Liaison Committee (CLG) with whom it meets regularly (usually monthly). Members of the CLG represent a diverse range of interest groups from within the wider community. The Terms of Reference and list of members of this group are available on the project website. Jenny Robb (President) and Gail Ward (Vice President) are on the CLG.

ECOC makes the following statements in regard to the project. The Project consists of two aspects:

1. \$15 million for **extension of the breakwater wharf** so cruise ships can come alongside to unload passengers. (Currently ships use smaller tender boats to bring people to shore).
 - o Ready to start. Most mandatory studies are already complete (see [Project website](#) for more info.)
 - o Recent Gateway Review - four design options (up to over \$40m) considered (supported by relevant business cases) by Infrastructure NSW – they decide which option to fund.
 - o Prepare for 260m ships (150m dredge pocket + 30m buffer= **total 180m**) or **future proof with 10 more metres** (total 190m) and enable 311m ships to come?
 - o **The width of the dredge pocket is a safety matter and cannot be influenced by a community vote. It is technically complex and requires specialised expertise.**
 - o **ECOC supports the current process** used by the Project Team and is confident the outcome will be the best for Eden.
 2. \$10 million to provide **a safe harbour for smaller vessels** mooring in Snug Cove - likely to be with the installation of a wave attenuator in Snug Cove.
 - o Early draft design for the location of a wave attenuator were proposed at a CLG Meeting in November 2015. The **draft design did not meet with POEM's approval** as it differed from the design they commissioned from their own consultant.
 - o **An independent review** was requested by POEM and conducted by Infrastructure NSW. The **review has recently been finalised** and the outcome will be known in the near future. Until that time, this part of the project is effectively 'on hold'.
- The Wharf Project does not and **never has included the development of a marina**, although obviously both marina concepts have been considered throughout the planning process. Both marina concepts proposed by POEM in Snug Cove and Eden Resort Hotels in Cattle Bay (D.A. approved Nov 2015) **require a commitment of funds from a developer** to come to fruition.
 - The Chamber remains **supportive of the development of a marina in Twofold Bay** and welcomes a commitment to do so from developers from both proposed sites. **It would be greatly supportive of both marina proponents working together** to achieve a viable marina for our port.

Lastly, the **Chamber remains committed to the provision of infrastructure to support Eden becoming a significant regional cruise ship port**. Economic analysis of the most recent cruise season, commissioned by the government and conducted by experts in this field, suggest that we have exceeded all early predictions and the future looks extremely positive. The **economic benefit of becoming a cruise port is without question**, both for the port town itself and the surrounding regions.

Eden Chamber of Commerce meets monthly on the 1st Monday of the month from 5:30pm at the Eden Fishermen's Club. All details of membership are on our website: www.oureden.com.au All are welcome. All correspondence to: secretary@oureden.com.au

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