

MAYORAL CANDIDATE RESPONSES:

The following responses were received from the two Mayoral Candidates to a letter emailed to them on September 30th by the TPS.

Brad Flaherty:

Thanks you for your correspondence. I will not be replying directly as we are in Caretaker mode and I have spoken with the CEO of the Council who has either already, or will be in touch via email with a Council position.

Diana Mislov:

Thank you for your correspondence dated 30 September, 2022 regarding the proposal for a 90m, 200 tonne community pontoon.

As you will be aware, I am in favour of supporting an inclusive, public access pontoon, and working together with the community; Tacoma Preservation Society; fishing industry; local hotel owners and operators; the Port Lincoln City Council, and any other stakeholders, to further this initiative.

A pontoon and potential investment in adjacent infrastructure to complement the Fishermen's Memorial, would have significant benefits to nautical tourism, and telling the story of our fishing industry.

I thank the Tacoma Preservation Society, for their continued efforts to find a mooring for the MFV Tacoma worthy of the significance of the vessel to our fishing history, and the pursuit of a pontoon for public access.

The following responses were received from the two Mayoral Candidates to a question posed by the Port Lincoln Times.

What is your position on the proposal from the Tacoma Preservation Society that council should apply for state funding for a community jetty development at the Port Lincoln Marina?

Brad Flaherty:

While the current elected body is in caretaker mode, I will restrict my perspectives on this issue, except to say that this matter has been heard by previous Councils and this current Council. If the matter were to be raised again for the new Council - then any determination would be made by them.

Diana Mislov:

I would like to work with all the stakeholders, for the best outcomes for Port Lincoln. I support the pontoon proposal, which would restore public access close to the marina waterways, and provide an opportunity to build on nautical tourism incorporating the Fishermen's Memorial, and Marina Hotel. I believe that the pontoon would attract funding, and be a great asset for the area, particularly for passenger transfer, the regatta and visiting vessels, connecting back to our fishing industry.