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Dear (Candidate)

The Tacoma Preservation Society (TPS) would like to thank you for offering to serve the Port Lincoln community by nominating for the Port Lincoln City Council elections in November.

For the last eleven years, the TPS has worked tirelessly to secure a suitable long-term mooring for the MFV Tacoma, the vessel integral to the establishment of Port Lincoln's celebrated commercial fishing industry. As a fully restored and functional piece of "living history", it deserves to be available to the community and visitors to the city as a key part of Port Lincoln's tourism experience.

Despite TPS's sustained efforts, a slim majority in previous councils has opposed the proposal to install a 90-metre x 200 tonne capacity community pontoon adjacent to the Fishermen's Memorial in Lincoln Cove Marina. We are hopeful the new Council will give this much needed community development renewed and serious consideration and support it.

A suitable pontoon would not only serve the long-term need for a high-profile, easily accessible mooring for the MFV Tacoma, but would also provide access for other vessels such as the One and All, other marine based tourism operators and most importantly, the Port Lincoln community.

Previous Council reports indicate that funding for the project could be achieved through the Boating Facilities Fund. This would require minimal financial support by Council. Nautical tourism has been a growth industry for the city, but the current Marina infrastructure is aged and inadequate.

There have been numerous reports (including the Tonkin Report) regarding options for the MFV Tacoma. The vessel was also included in the **Port Lincoln & Southern Eyre Peninsula Tourism Strategy 2018-2028**, adopted by PLCC on 18 July 2018.

The TPS has previously achieved development approval from the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) and the Port Lincoln City Council (PLCC) for the construction of a pontoon in the vicinity of the Fishermen's Memorial.

However, the TPS didn't win the DPTI tender to lease the water in the vicinity of the Fishermen's Memorial. The successful tenderer was the Sarin Group, which then failed to complete tender obligations and instead negotiated for PLCC to take over the lease.

We understand PLCC now pays \$4,060.00 a year for the lease, which forms part of the area needed for the proposed community pontoon development.

The purpose of this letter is to ask for your serious consideration of this long-standing proposal and to indicate your position on this important community matter, prior to the Council election in November. We intend to inform our members and the wider community of your deliberations and intentions, should you be elected to the new Port Lincoln City Council.

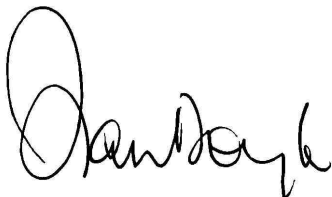
We are keenly interested in promoting the development of this much needed community infrastructure and would hope that if elected, you would support the construction of a 90-metre x 200 tonne capacity community pontoon adjacent to the Fishermen's Memorial in Lincoln Cove Marina.

If you have any questions regarding the project, or require any further information, we would be delighted to meet and discuss the project with you prior to the election.

The TPS website www.tacoma.org.au includes the MFV Tacoma story and describes the significant contribution the vessel made to the development of the City of Port Lincoln after it arrived from Port Fairy in 1952. The attached document includes concepts for an upgraded Fishermen's Memorial precinct in the Marina, including the proposed community pontoon.

Congratulations again on nominating for public office. We trust this finds you well and we respectfully request your response by Friday 14 October.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ian Doyle', with a large, stylized initial 'I'.

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