

Keep Whangaparāoa's Green Spaces.

Healthy Communities Need Space

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To Whom it May Concern at Auckland City Council

I am writing on behalf of Keep Whangaparāoa's Green Spaces (KWGS) community group to express our support for the proposed Hobbs Bay Marina, planned to be located in Gulf Harbour. As a community group representing the local community, we believe this project will provide immense benefits to the region as a whole.

The original concept for Gulf Harbour included a world class golf course and marina so that the area would become a hub for recreation. KWGS believe that the golf course must be retained and redeveloped and we are working towards that end. The building of further marina facilities would strengthen our stated position that there are strong recreation and business synergies between golf and marine activities.

Hoppers have explained to us that the creation of the proposed Hobbs Bay Marina will offer a safe, sustainable, and innovative transportation alternative for both residents and visitors. By providing additional docking facilities and berths, the marina will facilitate easier access for boaters, supporting both recreational and commercial marine activities. The marina will enhance access to local businesses, beaches, and recreational areas, boosting the local economy. KWGS is concerned about vehicles parking in green-space areas at Gulf Harbour around the Gulf Harbour boat ramp, and would strongly support an additional boat ramp with dedicated vehicle and trailer parking, to take some of the pressure off the existing infrastructure.

KWGS believe that the new marina will also serve as a hub for marine-based tourism and water sports, generating further economic opportunities in hospitality, retail, and services for tourists and locals alike. Moreover, it will improve the area's environmental sustainability by promoting eco-friendly boating practices and providing opportunities for eco-tourism activities.

By enhancing the accessibility of our region, this project has the potential to bring long-term social, economic, and environmental benefits to our community. KWGS believe the Hobbs Bay Marina will not only provide vital infrastructure for boating and tourism but also significantly contribute to the overall well-being and prosperity of the area.

We urge you to give strong consideration to the approval of this essential project. The Hobbs Bay Marina will not only benefit boaters and tourists but will enhance the quality of life for all who live, work, and visit the region.

Thank you for considering our support for this exciting and important development.

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