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### **CRIPPS MONITORS MOURILYAN BOAT RAMP PROJECT**

Member for Hinchinbrook, Andrew Cripps, says he will continue to closely monitor the progress of construction on the new boat ramp project at Mourilyan Harbour, following the building licence suspension last week of Cairns based contractor, CEC Group.

Mr Cripps said following reports last week the Building Services Authority had suspended the building licence of the CEC Group, he contacted Queensland Transport to find out what impact the decision would have on the new boat ramp project at Mourilyan Harbour.

“Local fishers and boaties, who have been waiting patiently for the State Labor Government to deliver the long promised new boat ramp at Mourilyan Harbour, do not need any further delays to this project. There have been too many excuses already” said Mr Cripps.

“I have spoken to Queensland Transport. The advice I have received is that the CEC Group has both building and civil works licences. Only the building licence has been suspended by the BSA, while the Mourilyan Harbour boat ramp project is a civil works project” he said.

“I am advised that therefore, the CEC Group is appropriately licensed to complete the new Mourilyan Harbour boat ramp project. Queensland Transport has advised me that, although progress on the project has been slow, work is still proceeding” said Mr Cripps.

“I understand that Queensland Transport is meeting with the CEC Group this week to discuss this issue. For the sake of local fishers and boaties, it is very important that everything possible is done to ensure this project is put back on track” he said.

“I will be writing to Transport Minister, Rachel Nolan, seeking further details about the Mourilyan Harbour boat ramp project, following reports the BSA has required CEC to set aside funds to meet obligations to subcontractors, suppliers and consumers” said Mr Cripps.

“Queensland Transport has advised it has paid some sub-contractors working on the new Mourilyan Harbour boat ramp project to enable work to continue, albeit at a slower pace. I welcome that advice and sincerely hope this minimises any further delays” he said.

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