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Boost for Cardwell boaties and fishers

One of the most popular recreational activities in the Cardwell district will receive a boost with the Newman Government announcing the reconstruction of a local public boat ramp.

Member for Hinchinbrook, Andrew Cripps, said the project would be delivered as part of the LNP's \$120 million Marine Infrastructure election commitment to improve recreational boating and fishing facilities across the state.

"The LNP recognises the importance of recreational boating and fishing and this funding will allow for the reconstruction of Cardwell's public boat ramp on the foreshore across from the intersection of Sheridan Street and Marine Parade" Mr Cripps said.

"This is a great result for the residents of Cardwell, particularly as the local community is continuing to recover from Cyclone Yasi" he said.

Mr Cripps said the reconstruction works were scheduled to occur in 2013, commencing with a hydrographic survey early in the year, followed by a design stage, which will determine the ramp length and orientation prior to construction.

"This new two-lane ramp will replace the existing single-lane ramp in town, which will give more options to boaties and support the council-owned ramps at Meunga Creek to the north and Port Hinchinbrook to the south of Cardwell" said Mr Cripps.

"I'm sure locals and visitors alike will welcome the improvements to the ramp" he said.

The first round of projects under the Marine Infrastructure Plan has been agreed with councils and port authorities, under a partnership agreement with the Department of Transport and Main Roads.

Across the state, TMR will deliver the in-water works and in some cases councils will provide the landside facilities, road access and parking.

"These recreational industries are also vital for the state's tourism industry, boosting one of the government's four economic pillars," he said.

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