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### LNP DELIVERS ON MISSION BEACH SAFE BOAT HARBOUR

Hinchinbrook MP, Andrew Cripps, today announced that the Newman LNP Government would make a contribution of just under \$11 million towards the Mission Beach Safe Boat Harbour project.

Mr Cripps said the State Government's contribution, combined with \$5.5 million in Federal funding announced in June to undertake consultation and a scoping study, meant the total aggregate budget for the project is now just over \$16 million.

"The funds from the Commonwealth to undertake meetings and a study came out of the blue and were inadequate to do anything meaningful in terms of infrastructure at Clump Point," Mr Cripps said.

"At the time, I gave a commitment that I would do everything I could to ensure a useful outcome for Mission Beach in the form of infrastructure that will provide much needed safe boating facilities for locals and visitors.

"I thank the Deputy Premier, Jeff Seeney, for his support to turn this into a real opportunity for Mission Beach. I'm pleased the LNP has delivered additional funding to ensure we are within reach of a meaningful outcome at Clump Point."

Mr Cripps said the Deputy Premier had written to Federal Minister Simon Crean requesting Federal Government co-operation to progress the project expediently through the consultation, planning, design and approval processes, to allow construction of the enhanced infrastructure to commence as soon as possible.

"The Queensland Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning has undertaken an initial assessment, and is now moving into the design and costing phase for development of 'fit for purpose' options," Mr Cripps said.

"This will allow the adequacy of the current available funding to be assessed. However, whatever preferred 'fit for purpose' structure is proposed, it will ultimately need to be approved by the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority.

"Importantly, the Deputy Premier has advised Minister Crean that the Queensland Government will not undertake any additional community consultation or approval processes outside of, or in addition to, the GBRMPA process.

"This will ensure there is no unnecessary duplication of red or green tape.

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“This demonstrates the LNP’s commitment to ensuring this project proceeds as soon as possible for the benefit of the Mission Beach community.

“The Newman Government has delivered for Mission Beach. The onus and responsibility is now on the Federal Government and the GBRMPA to progress this matter and I urge them to do so as soon as possible.”

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