



Cooktown Chamber
of Commerce and Tourism

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Marine and Fishing Industry Report presentation at Hillcrest Guesthouse 12 October 2017

Russell Bowman (Treasurer, CCCT) presented the Marine and Fishing Industry Report compiled by Cummings Economics and discussed in finer detail the implications the state our current channel is in, entering the Endeavour River. A sea bed maintenance program is vital in ensuring future use and accessibility and has enormous economic potential for our region, if supported.

Present:

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Russell Bowman	The Lure Shop Cooktown	russell@thelureshop.net.au
Sarah Greaves	Secretary, CCCT	secretary@ccct.org.au

Apologies:

Penny Johnson - LNP Cook Electorate candidate, Cynthia Lui – ALP Cook Electorate candidate, Billy Gordon – Member for Cook, Anne Williams – Cooktown Fishermans Wharf, Carol – Lakeland Coffee House, Mark Mollinson – Cooktown Dinghy Hire, Dan Kerridge – Ray White Real Estate

Several points were discussed during question time:

- The Cooktown Chamber of Commerce and Tourism (CCCT) and Cook Shire Council (CSC) need to work together to lobby for state and federal government support
- The Marine and Fishing Industry Report compiled by Cummings Economics needs to be formally adopted at the next Council meeting to progress forward
- Jen Sackley (One Nation candidate) said Steve Dickson will have full support of this initiative and if One Nation holds the balance of power, will see that every Port in Queensland will have sea bed maintenance, as a matter of urgency given the instability in North Korea
- Regular dredging of the Endeavour River should be considered for potential weather events and the threat of limited or no access to the wharf if a cyclone was to cause damage
- The suitable fine sand could be sold as a resource to offset some of the cost
- Regular dredging or sea bed maintenance for further community benefit has to be considered, not solely outside the wharf and swing basin, but further towards the boat ramp
- Contacts at Dept Transport and Main Roads as well as Ports North needs to be established

As a result from the presentation, the following people are now members of the Cooktown Endeavour River Dredging Steering Committee:

Thomas Anderson, Jacqui Collins-Herrmann, Russell Bowman, Tim Cronin, Ramon Samanes, Cr Robyn Holmes, Mick Davies.

Anyone who would like to join this Committee are encouraged to contact the Secretary, secretary@ccct.org.au

Meeting closed 8.00pm