

**Q7: A Reserve Management Plan for Quarry Point Reserve (the main boat ramp) that will prioritise maintenance of the boat ramp and improvements to pedestrian access, safety, and boat trailer parking**

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Initially ownership needs to be transferred from the NZTA to TCDC. In respect of the holiday periods and holiday visitors, and Dangerous parking of cars with boat trailers on State Highway 25 this is very important. I believe outside "holiday" times, there is no need to prioritise improvements as they will mainly benefit non Kuaotunu individuals. Other than that, safety can be improved firstly by consulting with NZTA to apply No Parking lines along SH25 from Kawhero Rd to the Bluff Rd and ensuring enforcement of same! Secondly once TCDC has control of the boat ramp area, minimise the boat ramps use by "non-locals" by charging them to use the ramp by way of an auto toll gate. Locals fishers are given free access cards. All money collected could go to the upkeep of the tollgate, and local initiatives or charities like Whitianga Resource Centre.

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I don't support fees and I don't support people who feel they need to "Police" the area. There have been many options in the past not dealt with. Footpaths are the most important.

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To me it is important that the boat ramp is as safe as possible but my main concern is parking. It always seems to be badly organised. When vehicles with boat trailers attached are parked all along the road, there looks to be a lot of under utilised space in the parking area. There are often quite large gaps between vehicles, and those with no trailer mixed up with, causing inefficient use of the area. Unless the parking area is covered in tarmac, there is no solution to this.

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Lower the boat numbers get the footpath done to kuaotunu west far more Important

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Definitely need improved pedestrian access, but I don't want to see boat launching facilities improved or more parking. This would only encourage yet more boats using the ramp. The boat size needs to be limited, this would reduce the number of big boats. These could safely go out over the Matarangi bar, using the Matarangi boat ramp instead. Maybe restrict it to locals only !!!!

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Kuaotunu is primarily a boating/fishing village. A significant proportion of residents and visitors are here because of the existence and accessibility of the Quarry Point boat ramp. A formal Management and Maintenance plan needs to be adopted to preserve the functionality and accessibility of this asset.

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it is getting busier every year so does need a plan in place.

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Especially in the summer when the crowds are here - it would make sense to improve the whole area especially the boat ramp itself with designated launching and retrieving lanes.

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Fishing and boating access is a particularly important aspect in our community and improvements to this facility is long overdue. Of particular concern is trailer parking on the 70km stretch of SH25. Needs URGENT attention.

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That boat ramp is absolute chaos in summer and it's dangerous just driving past it! Definitely needs improving

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Would support a quid pro quo where we supported continued agreement for some invasion of the beach area for state highway retaining walls, in exchange for providing an off road parking strip along SH25, which people could safely use to park their boat trailer units during high use times of the year.

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Does this land belong to NZTA? Definitely would like to see provision for more boat trailer parking, so that they do not park along the road.

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This boat ramp should be limited to residents only. Too many people coming from Whitianga and Matarangi. Residents can't get access

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Has to include SH25 (NZTA)

I feel there is no issue with certified self contained campers staying at the ramp 8:00pm to 7:00am other than Xmas day to 5th Jan.

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Pedestrian safety should be a priority, maintenance is obviously important, but there is never going to be enough land to meet need. There should be a user pays boat ramp fee to contribute towards maintenance costs, maybe requiring some form of membership to be allowed to use? Limiting the number of non-locals using the ramp would be a good thing and help conserve fish stocks! [see Q10]

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Obviously I am not a boater. The boat ramp must be maintained and I think Council and others do a good job. But upgrading would only encourage more boats and I am not in favour of that because it would increase the traffic in the area. Having a footpath that trailers can't park on solves the pedestrian issue. Of utmost importance is managing the erosion in the vicinity - having an expensive cable system hanging exposed and no attention paid to rectifying the situation is incredible.

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an important feature in our community

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The boat ramp has considerable 'traffic' and is used by many people from outside Kuaotunu.

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The Camper vans should be removed from the boat ramp area over the busy Christmas period but before doing so they need to establish somewhere else for them to go that is acceptable to everyone as camper van people are here to stay as it is part of our holiday heritage.

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In the original plan 2007 it was recognized that the ramp was at full capacity during fair weather and holiday periods. Traffic congestion in and out of the road, cars and trailers parked on the verge and roadside. AND in a 70km zone. 3 lanes needed on the point to allow for traffic flow.

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Safety first

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A well used spot for both residents and holiday makers

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It's a big part of life in Kuaotunu for residents and holiday makers.

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Unfortunately this is a zoo over the busy periods with many boats ignoring common boat ramp etiquette - I don't know the answer - thought the permit system was a good start - easy to police in the busy period...maybe only applies for certain periods...provides the possibility of removal for bad behaviour?

Pedestrian safety between the boat ramp and Kuaotunu West should be a priority.

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There is a need to deter motorhome parking overnight at this reserve.

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It doesn't really concern me, except I do not want to see the boat ramp near the estuary at Kuaotunu reopened! Again a reduction in speed past the water front would help. Plus, a notice at the ramp to remind boaties they are recreational fisher folk, so they need to relax and stop stressing about what everyone else is doing.

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Very important and a local rate payer priority card or system. It is only going to get busier and busier with holiday makers and people outside the area using this ramp.

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plenty of parking for locals over 50 weeks a year, just police the two weeks that there is not.

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I think however that there should be a charge for non rate paying users.

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A footpath connecting Kuaotunu west to the village will take care of the pedestrian access issue. The boat ramp is close to empty 98% of the year. A little patience and thought by boaties for the 5 or 6 busy weekends and this is an very adequate facility. Money is better spent elsewhere.

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Limit the numbers here and then the ramp. A charge on using the ramp, but perhaps only at peak times, a locals concession card that they leave on their dashboard.

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An important location for many of the community, but also getting out of control on peak periods leading to frustration and aggression. Perhaps a fee/ parking ticket charge, subsidized for locals/ KRRRA members to help minimize the congestion.

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Find a place for the boats to park, and have a courtesy driver on-site at the boat ramp (possibly selling coffee & equipment) to ease the parking issue.

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As someone who uses the boat ramp often I think its fine the way it is. Its only in peak season that it is overly congested and thats the time locals keep away. But the boat ramp rage over this time provides great entertainment Lol. The navigation markers are fantastic on the hill. For the non locals coming in at night, the green light on the rubbish disposal unit could be confusing especially if the other lights aren't working. Could be a distaster waiting to happen.

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Existing boat ramp needs to be vastly improved by a better sea wall and some underwater blasting(stuff the greenies) to remove some of the danger spots and widening of the channel.Short term pain for long term gain.The ramp and parking is a nightmare during the summermonths with influx of visitors.A yearly fee would be quite aproprate to improve conditions.No freedom campers permitted in the boat trailer parking area at any time.An area set aside for freedom campers,most likely the tennis court area.

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Boats are getting bigger, and there are more boats. This should be a Kirra priority

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Boat trailer parking or lack thereof presents a problem for pedestrians and cars.Parking along the narrow main highway is not safe.

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My only complaint is cars plus trailers being parked in the road side.

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I don't know enough about this to hold a considered opinion.

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I think focus and management plans for ALL of our reserve areas is essential. This area gets focus because foor maybe 3-4 weeks a year it becomes overloaded, even more now that other ramps charge to launch. Personally I would like to DISCOURAGE visiting users whose boats pollute our water with their fuel, fish/seafood carcasses and rubbish. Maybe install an automated arm with free use to locals? Also put yellow no parking lines along SH25 from Kingfisher Way to Bluff Road and enforce parking tickets.

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Another important feature of the Kuaotunu lifestyle that should be maintained and improved

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Fishing is a huge pastime enjoyed by many locals and holiday makers so it's needs to be maintained to be safe to use

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Perhaps effort better spent on education of recreational boaties on environmental impact eg fossil fuel pollution; noise pollution; rubbish dropped/blown overboard; fish carcasses in the water etc.

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Seems to work fine to me just as it is.

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Close the boat ramp when it's full  
Charge people to use it.

Locals should have a pass to use it for free

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