

Dear Lisa.

Thank you for sending the latest draft plans for the Franklin Foreshore Redevelopment. We would make the following points in response.

Quoting directly from the 'state election strategy' document, the original outcomes for this project were:

- *Marina area providing areas for commercial vessels and tourist cruises to dock*
- *New public jetty area, following the demolition of the former Wharf area in front of the*
- *Evaporators site*
- *Pedestrian linkages between the existing walking trails and the Marina area.*

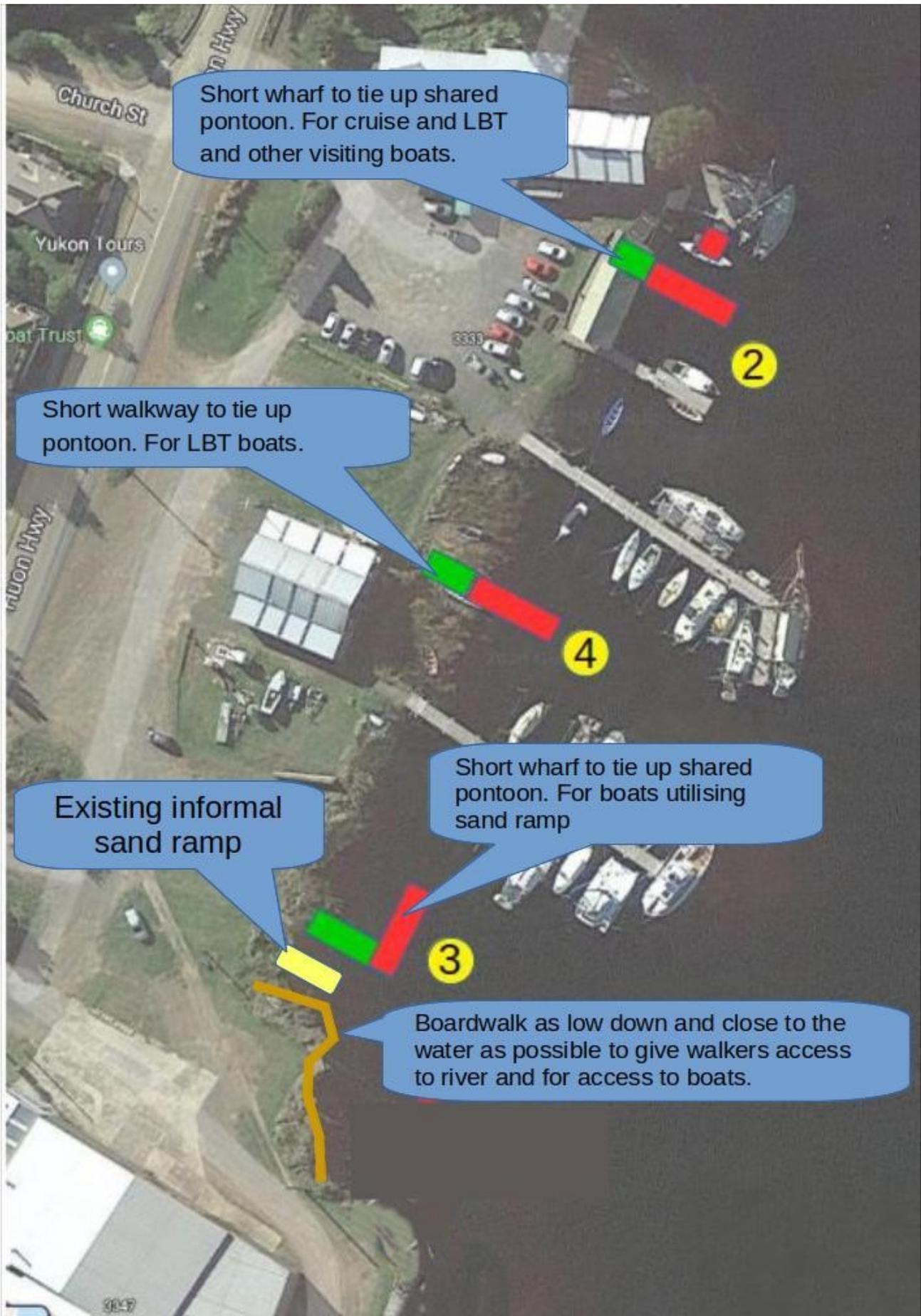
The project specifics were:

- *The construction of timber boardwalks on the banks of the Huon River, which will also assist in the prevention of any further erosion.*
- *A link to the existing boardwalk north of the site*
- *An opportunity for tourist cruise boats to embark*
- *Attracting river cruises that may operate and visit this site transporting tourists from Hobart.*
- *The expansion of the marina will provide valuable moorings within the Huon River adjacent to the Wooden Boat Centre which provides another tourist visitation opportunity and enhances economic benefits and activities of the area.*

The priorities for development that we submitted were intended to meet the spirit of these aims and to fulfil the needs of Living Boat Trust (LBT) members. We are glad to see that three of these priorities are addressed: an anchor point for a pontoon next to the evaporators, cleaning up the concrete dumped in the adjacent small 'cove', and refurbishment of the sand ramp. We are however disappointed that other opportunities to meet the project aims have been ignored. Refer to the diagram below for what we regard at the most important of the remaining 'opportunities', which were identified in the document tendered to you at the last meeting.

- Priority 2 is an anchor point (or small wharf) for a pontoon to be shared by the LBT and the Wooden Boat Centre. This would meet the need both for an adequate disembarkation point for cruise tourists coming to the Centre, for LBT rowing and sailing activities, and for boats visiting Franklin.
- Priority 3 is for a wharf and pontoon to be available to the many users of the shared sand ramp.
- Of possibly equal importance (to us) is the proposed walkway around the foreshore from the sand ramp. This will provide both pedestrian and on the water access to this very sheltered cove, ideal for tying up small boats particularly during a flood. It should also tie in the various facilities and make this a more attractive area to visit.
- Priority 4 is a short walkway to a pontoon for tying up the LBT whaleboats, which are of interest not just to the LBT but also to the many visitors who enjoy the aesthetic and heritage value of these boats.

The most expensive of the initiatives listed in the Council's latest concept plan (included below) is the new accessible public toilet. Whilst we concede that there may be a need for this in future we do not concede that it is a high priority now. Looking again at the project priorities and the opportunities presented, we believe that Council should reconsider reallocating the funds available.



Short wharf to tie up shared pontoon. For cruise and LBT and other visiting boats.

Short walkway to tie up pontoon. For LBT boats.

Short wharf to tie up shared pontoon. For boats utilising sand ramp

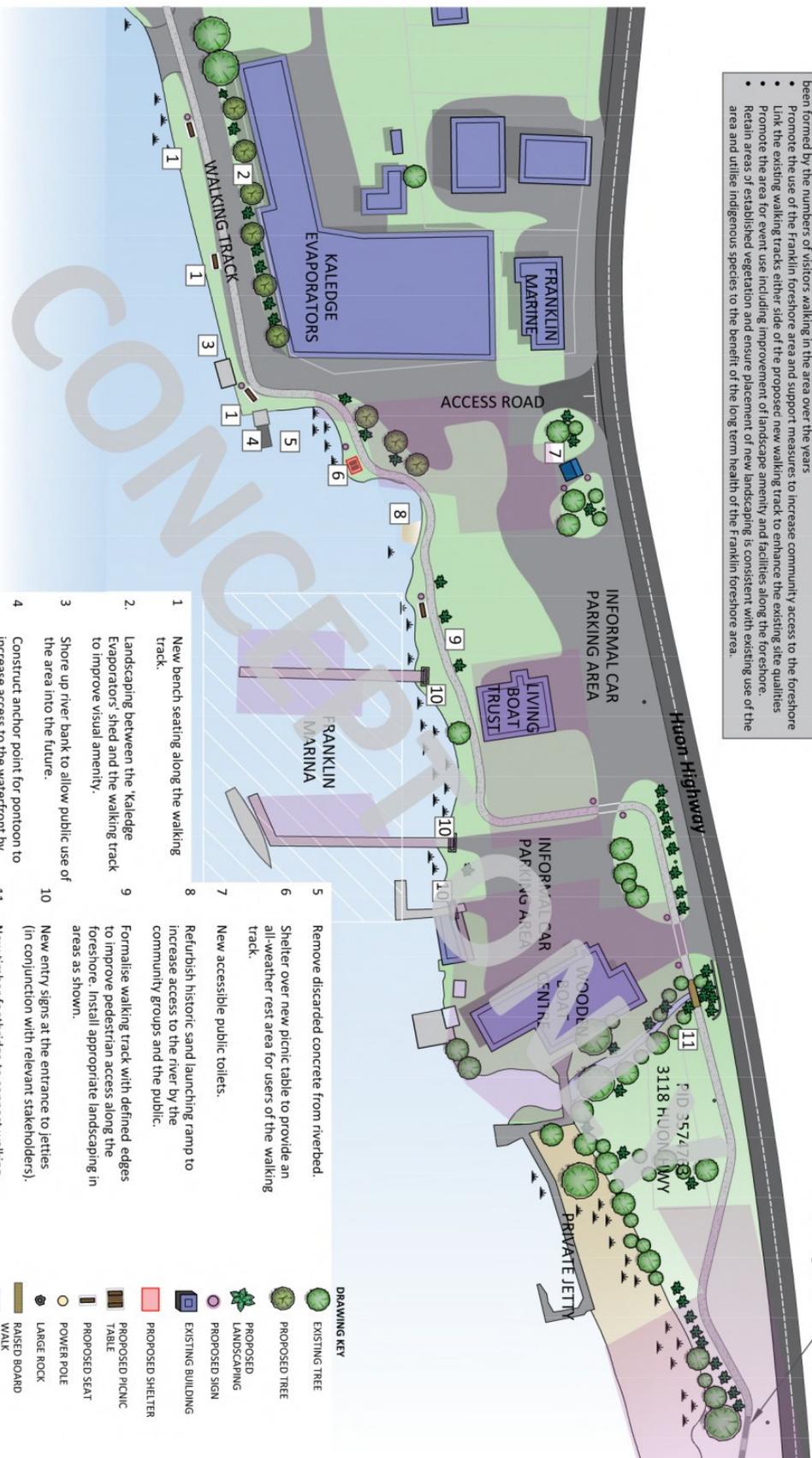
Existing informal sand ramp

Boardwalk as low down and close to the water as possible to give walkers access to river and for access to boats.

OVERALL DESIGN INTENT

The waterfront and boating sector of Franklin attracts visitors to the area and locals alike, who are interested in an easy walk beside the river to take in the day to day activities of boat building and the marina. An informal walking track has been formed by the numbers of visitors walking in the area over the years

- Promote the use of the Franklin foreshore area and support measures to increase community access to the foreshore
- Link the existing walking tracks either side of the proposed new walking track to enhance the existing site qualities
- Promote the area for event use including improvement of landscape amenity and facilities along the foreshore.
- Retain areas of established vegetation and ensure placement of new landscaping is consistent with existing use of the area and utilise indigenous species to the benefit of the long term health of the Franklin foreshore area.



- 1 New bench seating along the walking track.
- 2 Landscaping between the 'Kaleidge Evaporators' shed and the walking track to improve visual amenity.
- 3 Shore up river bank to allow public use of the area into the future.
- 4 Construct anchor point for pontoon to increase access to the waterfront by community groups.
- 5 Remove discarded concrete from riverbed.
- 6 Shelter over new picnic table to provide an all-weather rest area for users of the walking track.
- 7 New accessible public toilets.
- 8 Refurbish historic sand launching ramp to increase access to the river by the community groups and the public.
- 9 Formalise walking track with defined edges to improve pedestrian access along the foreshore. Install appropriate landscaping in areas as shown.
- 10 New entry signs at the entrance to jetties (in conjunction with relevant stakeholders).
- 11 New timber footbridge to connect walking tracks over the existing watercourse.

- DRAWING KEY**
- EXISTING TREE
 - PROPOSED TREE
 - PROPOSED LANDSCAPING
 - PROPOSED SIGN
 - EXISTING BUILDING
 - PROPOSED SHELTER
 - PROPOSED PICNIC TABLE
 - PROPOSED SEAT
 - POWER POLE
 - LARGE ROCK
 - RAISED BOARD
 - WALK
 - LEASE ON GROWN LAND

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FOR COMMENT

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