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Policy

Use of Foysters Jetty for Emergency Vessel Repairs

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Policy Objective

The objective of this policy is to:

- Set out Council's position on allowing use of Foysters Jetty for undertaking emergency repairs to vessels.
- Describe conditions applicable to such use.

Policy Background

Foysters Jetty is located on Minjungbal Drive, Tweed Heads, approximately 100m south of the Boyds Bay Bridge.



The jetty consists of a timber wharf with two floating pontoons attached. One pontoon provides facilities for vessel sewage pump out. The facility is used frequently by owners of vessels moored nearby for loading and unloading passengers and equipment/supplies.

Use of the facility by vessels is restricted to a four hour limit, with no overnight berthing.

The jetty is not available for use as a pay per night berth.

On occasions, Council responds to complaints of vessels being moored on the jetty for extended periods without permission. Such use can obstruct other users. Council's Waterways Program responds to such complaints and works with Regulatory Services to advise users to comply with berthing time limits.

If required, a PIN could be issued to a vessel owner who does not comply with vessel berthing time limits, as advised on the regulatory signs present.

The regulatory signage is as shown below.



Council is occasionally asked to give permission to vessel owners for use of Foysters Jetty for the purpose of making emergency repairs to vessels.

Council will grant such requests where they are legitimate, subject to a number of conditions, as outlined in this policy.

Policy

1. Council will grant permission for overnight berthing at Foysters jetty for the purpose of undertaking emergency repairs to vessels.

Emergency repairs are defined as:

- Actions to be undertaken immediately to prevent a vessel sinking or causing pollution of the environment.

- Repairs to a vessel hull, propulsion system (engine or rigging), fuel system, or electrical systems.
2. Permission will not be given for vessel maintenance, including activities such as painting, engine servicing etc.
 3. Permission will be granted for a period of up to five days maximum.
 4. Vessels will be required to leave the jetty when emergency repairs are complete.
 5. Vessel owners will be required to ensure that all environmental safeguards are observed when completing repairs, and that no litter or any other waste product remains at the jetty, or enters the water as a result of repairs being undertaken.
 6. The safety of all persons working on the vessel will be the responsibility of the vessel owner.
 7. Council will only grant permission for extended berthing to insured vessels, and reserves the right to request presentation of evidence of current insurance, prior to granting permission to berth.
 8. Council will grant permission for extended berthing for emergency repairs, subject to demonstration that legitimate emergency repairs are required, and if requested, production of evidence that repairs have been arranged to be undertaken.
 9. Requests for extended berthing for emergency repairs may be made by telephone or via email to the following staff:
 - Waterways Program Leader
 - Coordinator Natural Resource Management Unit
 - Director Community and Natural Resources

Compliance

Compliance with this policy will be managed by Council's Waterways Program, in consultation with Regulatory Services.

Review Period

This policy will be reviewed as required, subject to the identification of any improvements that can be made.

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