

Fast track for marina proposal

NORTH Harbour Marina, at Burpengary East, will be one of Moreton Bay Regional Council's top priorities in 2019.

Councillor Peter Flannery (Div 2) looked to shore up support for the Caboolture River development in last Thursday's meeting.

"I moved a motion seeking for the State Government to make the North Harbour Marina and Canal Estate Site a Priority Development Area (PDA) to fasttrack construction," Cr Flannery said.

Should a PDA be approved by the state government, it will streamline the planning, approval and development for the marina.

But North Harbour project director Peter Lightbody was not building his hopes. "It's hard to think anything is fast-tracked since we've been doing it for 15 years," he said.

"We welcome council's decision. It's a positive step forward, but it's just the beginning of the process — not the end of the process."

Cr Flannery said the current application included a 350-berth marina with 500 dry-boat stack, a riverfront commercial precinct and 1700 new housing options.

"This project will be a huge economic driver for our region," Cr Flannery said. "Given the size and significance of this project it should be treated as a PDA."

The state government has not yet received an application for a PDA.