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West Pittwater Community Association  
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Dear Ms Broughton

### **Relocation of Temporary Ferry Pontoon at Church Point**

Thank you for your email received 1 July 2020 with your letter attached addressed to Rob Stokes regarding the reallocation of temporary ferry pontoon at Church Point.

The relocation of the ferry pontoon was included in the scope of the Church Point Boardwalk Extension. During the detailed design and liaison with Roads and Maritime Service Boating Safety Officers it was noted that the relocated ferry pontoon would impact on the navigation channel to the Church Point Commuter Wharf and Church Point Cargo Wharf as well as reduce the general safety of the area. It was noted that up to six swing moorings would need to be removed in order to make this location viable.

The Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) have advised that they cannot relocate those swing moorings as they have nowhere to relocate them and there is a long waiting list for moorings in Pittwater. RMS officers have advised that the process to relocate the moorings could be done via attrition (i.e. moving moorings as others become available) but that process has an indefinite timeline as it is based on mooring owners relinquishing their moorings voluntarily.

In order to deliver the Church Point Boardwalk Extension this aspect of the project was removed from the scope until it could be resolved with the Roads and Maritime Services Officers. The Church Point Boardwalk extension has yet to be completed for other reasons but is expected to be constructed in the financial year 2020/21. The additional cost of adding this relocation to the scope of that project is \$200,000.

As the current scope of work does not include funding to progress the relocation of the ferry wharf any further work on such a proposal will need to await the relocation of moorings and compete for funding with other capital works on a priority basis.

In the interim, this project will remain on our future works program for consideration should circumstances change or funding is allocated.

Should you require any further information or assistance in this matter, please contact my office on 8495 6454.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Craig Sawyer', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Craig Sawyer  
Executive Manager Transport and Civil Infrastructure