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Dear Mr Morris

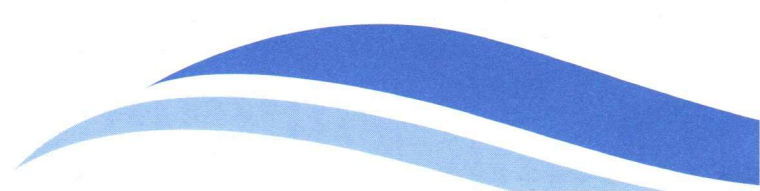
Storage of Building Materials on Crown Land adjacent to 402 Beach Road Beaumaris

Thank you for your letter dated 13 April 2013 to Council's Mr Stuart Caldwell regarding the storage of building materials on crown land adjacent to 402 Beach Road, Beaumaris. Your correspondence has been forwarded to me for a response. I apologise for the delayed response.

To clarify information provided in our letter dated 28 March 2013, the Ricketts Point Landside reserve is Coastal Crown Land and Bayside City Council is the appointed Committee of Management. As such, Council is responsible for the care and management of this reserve and has the authority to control use of this land by others, such as the storage of building materials. Under Local Law No. 2 'Neighbourhood Amenity', a permit is required for the placement of a skip bin and other building materials on Council controlled land during private building works. As part of Council's Asset Protection permit process, a bond is held from the property owner as surety that the public assets are protected from damage and suitably restored following the works.

Under these circumstances, Council's objective is to support appropriate private building development by permitting the temporary use of public land in this way, on the proviso that all public areas are protected from damage and suitably restored following the works. In the case of the building work at 402 Beach Rd Beaumaris, Council officers are aware of this development and have been monitoring the management of the site over the last year. Based on progress at the site, it is expected that works will be finalised within the next two months. We have an undertaking from the owner of the property to restore the public area adjacent to this property on completion of works and will continue to monitor the situation in this regard.

To address your point regarding the absence of a boundary fence or other visible delineation between the access to properties 401 to 404 Beach Road and the reserve, we are investigating a suitable form of indicator that can be installed to show the location of the adjacent title boundaries in an effort to prevent future encroachment of private property into the reserve area. The appearance of private items such as a picnic table, benches, rock borders and unsuitable vegetation in the reserve has occurred gradually over many years and as such, has been difficult to assign to any particular property owner. However, the enforcement of private encroachment in the reserve is a focus for Council and is addressed as an objective in the Draft Ricketts Point Coastal Reserve and Landside Management Plan. For further information on the boundary markers or Management Plan, please contact Mr Simon Finlay on 95994735.



Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact me on 9599 4609.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ken Bott', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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