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Alternative Sites Considered for Large Vessel Mooring Facility at Swan Reach

Mid Murray Council will investigate alternative sites for a large vessel mooring facility at Swan Reach following initial community consultation on the project.

The proposal for the significant marine infrastructure project came after Council was awarded \$402,264 through the Federal Government's Building Better Regions Fund, to improve infrastructure at the Swan Reach reserve, the Mannum Dock and Herman's Landing.

Council had proposed to build a new facility, designed to accommodate the river's largest commercial vessels, at Len White Reserve in Swan Reach, but Council's Director of Infrastructure Greg Hill says feedback received from the local community has indicated the location is not suitable for all parties.

"By speaking to local businesses and residents, we found that there was a lot of support for the mooring facility overall, but the proposed location may have an impact on existing aquatic activities," he says.

"We are listening to all community concerns regarding the location of the facility and are investigating alternative sites, including the location the Murray Princess currently utilises, which is adjacent to the Swan Reach boat ramp."

Council also spoke with representatives from the Murray Princess, PS Marion and Proud Mary regarding the facility, which aims to improve passenger access for large recreational river vessels.

Mr Hill says the first round of consultation was important to gauge community opinion before moving forward and Council would ensure that further consultation is conducted with the Swan Reach community regarding alternative sites.

"This facility has the potential to provide a significant boost to the Swan Reach tourism industry and all businesses and residents should get their say in where the facility is eventually located," he says.

"Council is supportive of community concerns and we have high hopes of finding a location which will suit all businesses and residents in the Swan Reach community."

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