



SA Coastal Alliance

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Wyomi Beach  
Erosion / Seawall

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Maria Creek Boat  
Launching Facility

Wyomi Beach 2016







# WYOMI BEACH SEAWALL STAGE 2

- Stage 2 - \$2.6m – 170m north / 175m south
  - Australian Government Coastal and Estuarine Risk Mitigation Program (CERMP), \$1.953m
  - State Government - Coast Protection Board \$130k
  - Local Government – Council will fund the balance of the project, anticipated to be \$522k through loan funds
- Teagle Contracting was awarded contract, work has commenced, anticipated completion date April 2024



# MARIA CREEK BOAT LAUNCHING FACILITY

- Closed since May 2019
- In 2021 a Business Case for reinstatement was developed
- Key finding being that if project was to proceed, and no substantial rate increases were imposed, significant detrimental impact on Council's financial sustainability would ensue





# Maria Creek Closure

January 2019





**Maria Creek**

January 2020

# MARIA CREEK BOAT LAUNCHING FACILITY

- Capital cost \$7.6m
- Annual on-going \$626k
- Following ratepayer 'poll' 78% supported Council's 'do-nothing' position, 21% willing to pay upwards of 15%-19% rate increase (1% invalid)



2021 – 2023  
Covid gave our  
community  
something else to  
think (whine)  
about

AND THEN.....

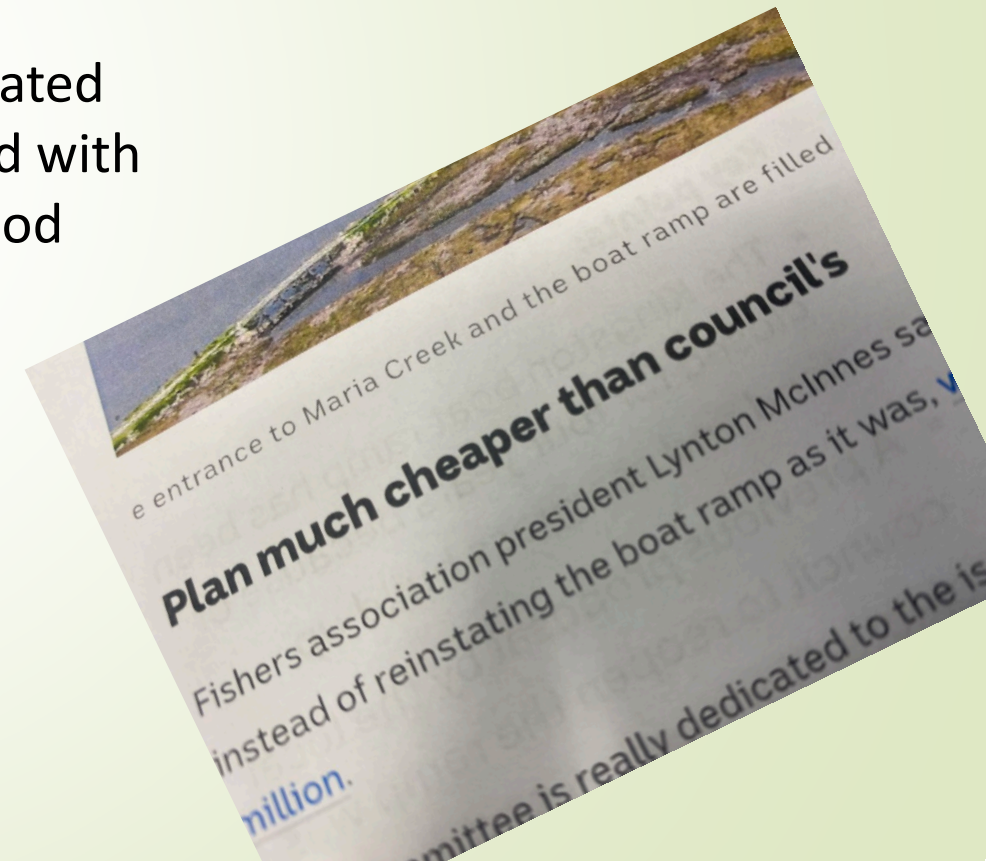
LET'S BUILD A WEIR THEY SAID.....

"We've got a lot of support behind us."

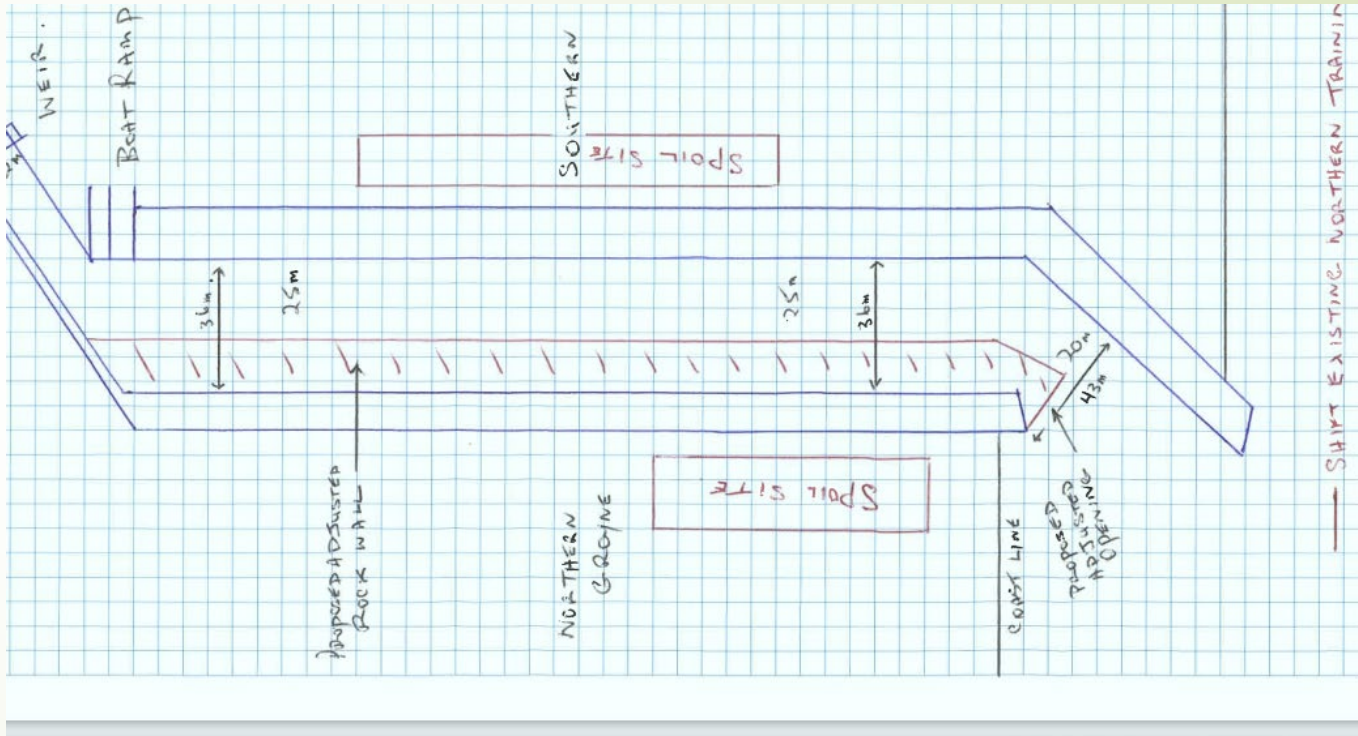
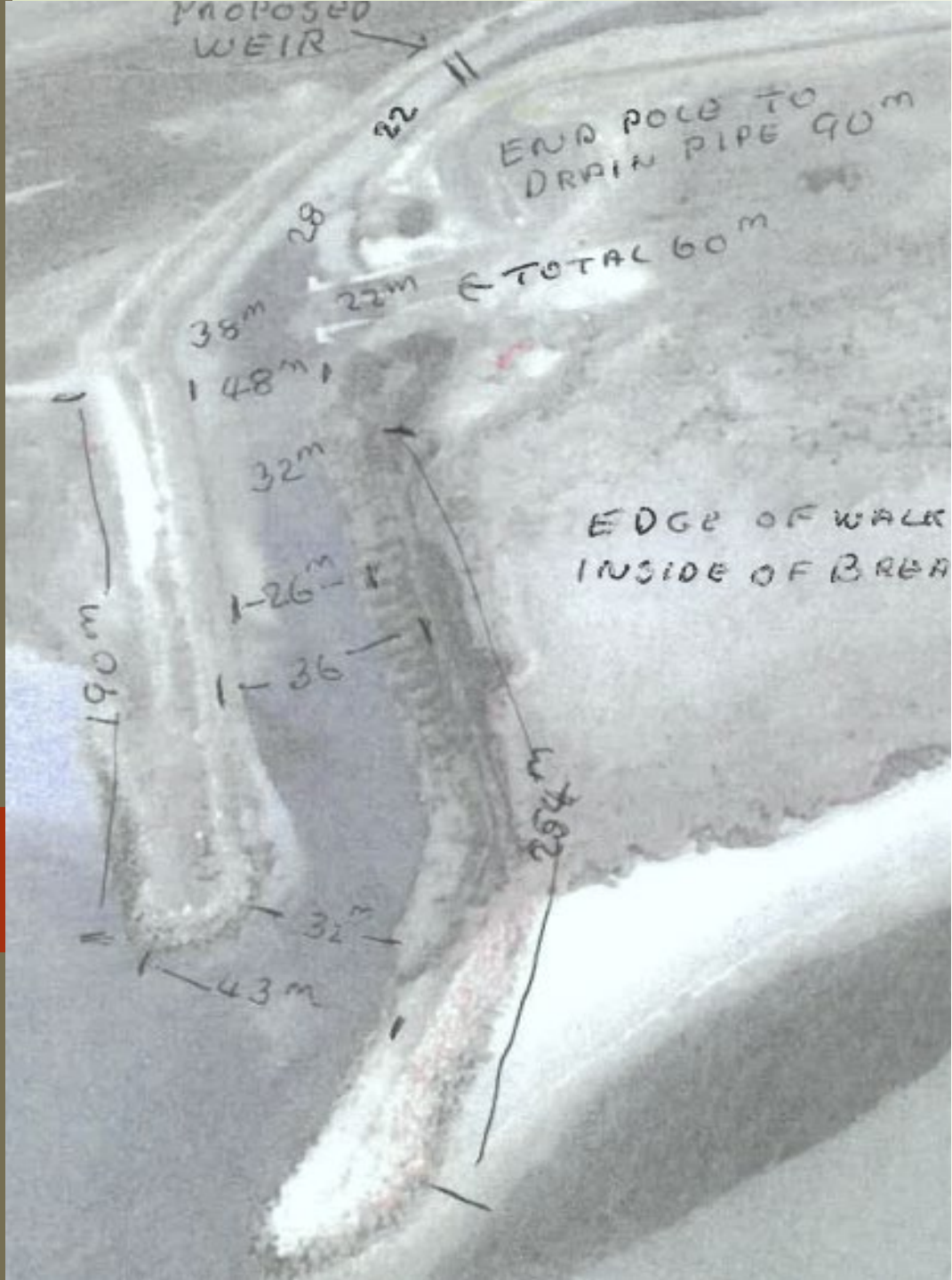
He said the weir could be built by September or October this year.

"Our committee is really dedicated to the issue that we're involved with and I think we've got a very good case and it will work," he said.

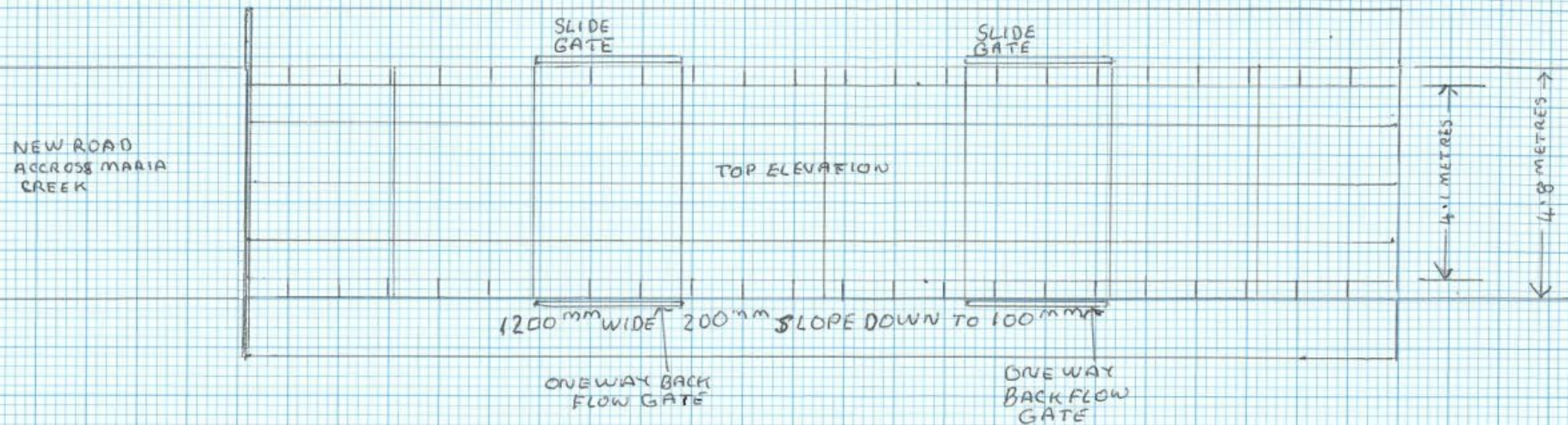
Fishers association president Lynton McInnes said the group's proposal would cost about \$400,000, instead of reinstating the boat ramp as it was, which the council estimated would cost about \$7.6 million.



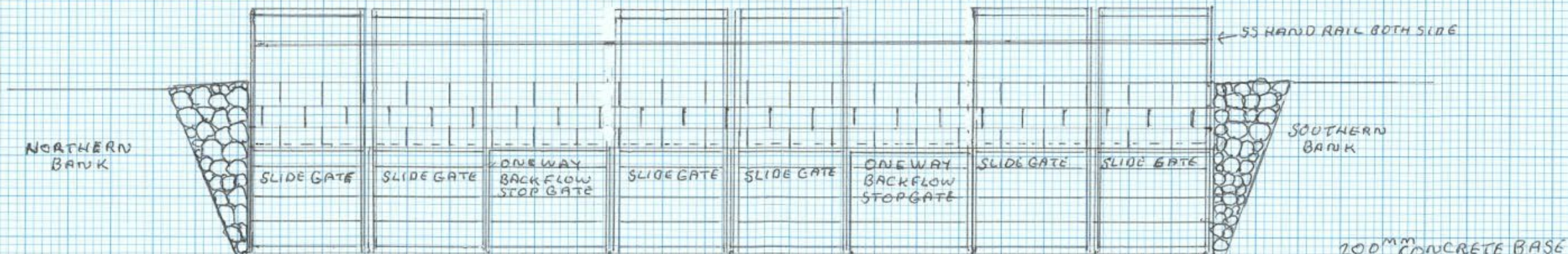
# THE BUSINESS CASE



# PROPOSED MARIA CREEK WEIR



EACH CULVERT HAS A 2400<sup>mm</sup> HIGH X 2400<sup>mm</sup> WIDE OPENING AND IS 40 TONNE LOAD RATED



# Road Blocks

- No cost estimates or whole of life costing
- In-fighting / inconsistency / moving target
- Haven't addressed the backlog of sand & seagrass
- Deteriorated / dilapidated state
- No dredging management plan
- Native title confusion
- First nations resistance
- Engineering design approval
- Management Plan – managing volunteers
- EPA
- Coast Protection Board
- PIRSA
- South Eastern Water Conservation & Drainage Board
- Ministerial approval
- Planning approval

**The least of their concerns is finding  
the \$\$ to construct**

Questions?

