

Qualms on marina

ROCKINGHAM Council has accepted a public environmental review level of assessment (PER) with a six-week public review period for the proposed Wanliss Street Marina.

It has done so on condition the council is able to review the draft scoping document that forms the basis of it.

The council identified several issues it says have not been adequately addressed in the original referral material to the Environmental Protection Authority.

The council wants the effect on coastal processes and the ongoing management of sand movement to be considered along with the effect of pollution from about 13 stormwater drains flowing into the ocean at several points along the coast.

It also wants the implications of climate change and subsequent rising sea levels and the increase of extreme weather to be considered.

The council said noise and vibration from the con-

struction of the marina and operational marina noise would have to be addressed in a noise and vibration management plan because of the close proximity to homes.

It also wants assurances that access to and use of the beach would not be adversely affected and that the visual impact of the marina, including any proposed multi-storey car park on the foreshore reserve, should be assessed and "appropriately managed".

The council said the proponent had not considered the climate change issue on the proposal. The matter is now with the EPA, which will consider the scoping document against feedback it has already received.

The council said if it was approved the proponent would then prepare the public environment review according to the parameters of the scoping document.

The PER would then be advertised for six weeks.