

Jetty meeting buoys spirits

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PORT Rockingham jetty and marina proposal developers were buoyed by 15 registrations for boat pens at a public meeting on Sunday, before the project has an official green light.

The Rosewood Grove proposal includes 500 boat pens, a 4000sq m retail precinct, charter boat access, refuelling and public use refuelling, and sullage facilities.

A capacity crowd of more than 200 people attended the

meeting at The Cruising Yacht Club and a project spokesman said opinions were relatively evenly divided between those for and against.

“There were some heated moments as people expressed a reluctance to accept a change in amenities,” he said. “But you don’t own the view. A view is a living element.”

Other concerns focused on environmental impact and the proximity of boating activity to the shoreline.

A scoping document, prepared by the proponents in conjunction with the Planning

and Infrastructure Department, Rockingham City Council and Cockburn Sound Management Council, is expected to be signed off by the Environmental Protection Authority tomorrow.

If approved, a public environmental review process will be advertised for a six-week period.

A second public meeting will be held at The Cruising Yacht Club tonight at 7pm.

For more information phone 1800 467 733.