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Minister T Baker, Minister of Infrastructure  
Mr N Black, CEO Department of Infrastructure  
Mr W Greenhow, Chief Secretary

**By E-mail**

Dear Tim, Nick and Will

### **Ramsey Flood Defences**

You may be aware that over the last few weeks there has been significant concern in Ramsey in relation to the apparent resurgence of private proposals to develop a marina on the south beach, proposals with which the Department of Infrastructure has been engaged.

These concerns have been heightened following the Department of Infrastructure Flood Management Division publishing documents over the weekend that contain potentially significant proposals for coastal flood defences in Ramsey.

Publishing these documents less than a week before the election has caused significant disquiet and concern in Ramsey, especially as they have been published with minimal context and there has been no public comment made by the Department around these proposals or the current status or potential future of the private marina proposal, which is firmly opposed by the majority of the people of Ramsey.

In addition to publishing such a significant policy decision during the purdah period it also seems there has been next to no engagement with the local Commissioners, MHK's or the people of Ramsey in respect of these detailed proposals & recommendations.

I note that the documents published contain a recommendation from June 2021 to undertake some work in the south beach area, namely to *"undertake initial design, and obtain costings to install seawall flood boards and or gates in the openings to the sea wall as appropriate"*.

Given that the Department has chosen to publish these significant policy documents concerning the Ramsey coast which already include a recommended course of action the Department must immediately issue a full statement confirming the Department's intentions in respect of the south beach, regarding both the flood defences and the proposed marina development and must firmly commit not to undertaking any action without full and proper consultation with local MHK's and Commissioners.

Yours sincerely

  
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