

Council sinks Raby Bay marina extension

By **Judith Kerr**

A PLAN to extend the 75-berth Raby Bay marina with an additional 16 berths was knocked on the head at Redland City Council on Wednesday.

The council decided not to agree to the extension request from marina owners Port Binnli after a plea from Raby Bay Commercial Body Corporate chairman Kent Beal.

Mr Beal told the council the extra berths would block diners' views, create noise for residents and create parking problems around the Masthead

Drive marina.

He said his complex would consider installing boom gates to protect parking for restaurant patrons and would appeal any application in court.

Before any development can proceed, the state government has to agree to the proposal to lease the area to the marina operator.

Division 2 councillor Craig Ogilvie said the application would hinder public access to the harbour and the public pontoon and did not include any infrastructure charges.

He said he was wor-

ried about the lack of parking as the marina owners had a second approved development application for a five-storey residential building at the same site.

"The area is public open space and there is no requirement on council to approve anything unless it is for the good of the community," Cr Ogilvie said.

"We would be effectively gifting public land over to private use and commercial gain."

All councillors except mayor Karen Williams and Division 6's Julie Talty voted to reject the application.