



***BOATING WESTERN AUSTRALIA INC.***

***SUBMISSION TO***

***THE SWAN RIVER TRUST***

***CONCERNING***

***POLICY SRT/D21***

***JETTY STRUCTURES WITHIN THE SWAN RIVER TRUST  
MANAGEMENT AREA***

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## PREAMBLE

Jetties, wharves, boat ramps and boatsheds have been part of the Swan and Canning River landscape since the time of early European settlement. The access to the public has been shrinking over the years, particularly for recreational boats. With the attitude of responsible boaters keen to use onshore toilet facilities, public jetties are a necessity. Historically, the recreational boating public has not had any access to commercial or private jetties and recently the public jetties are being made out of bounds. With the increasing number of boats on the rivers, the necessity to have emergency safe landings available around the river is becoming increasingly important.

## OBSERVATIONS ON THE POLICY

### Community and Commercial Jetty Structures

Access must remain to recreational boats for the purpose of:

Emergency access to land injured or disabled persons.

Short term access to ablution blocks to avoid prosecution for polluting the river. This is particularly important to ensure the boating public are not forced to use onboard toilet facilities and pollute our river.

Where jetties are sub-let, the lessee must also allow emergency access. This is particularly pertinent in the Port of Perth where the Barrack St Jetty is sub-leased to Halo restaurant and they have a policy of "customers only" allowed to tie up.

### Private Jetty Structures associated with residential property ownership

All private jetties in navigatable waters should also allow access to the boating public for emergency use.

Boating Western Australia supports, and is on record as having always supported a responsible boating community attitude towards the use of the inland waterways and the sea.

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