

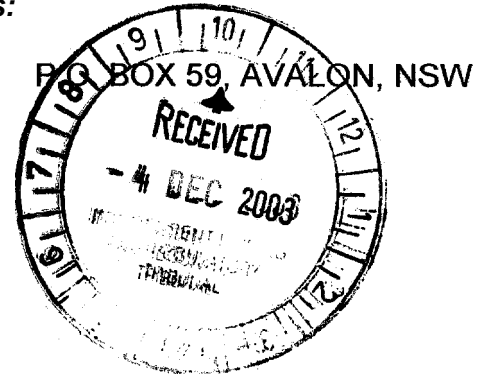
# AVALON SAILING CLUB LIMITED

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**Affiliated with the Yachting Association of New South Wales:**  
**Patron: Iain Murray**

2 December 2003

Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal of New South Wales.  
P.O. Box Q290  
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**ATTENTION – MR. BOB BURFORD**

**RE – REVIEW OF WATERFRONT PERMISSIVE OCCUPANCY LEASES**

Dear Mr. Burford

With respect to the above review Avalon Sailing Club Limited is concerned that such a review may encompass the premises occupied by the Club. On behalf of the Club, I would like to make this submission to clarify the current situation, benefits and activities of this community based voluntary organisation.

Avalon Sailing Club has occupied the waterfront area of Old Wharf Reserve, Hudson Parade Clareville for approximately **fifty** years and as a voluntary organisation has encouraged and promoted sailing for many generations of children and families.

At present the Club has approximately **180** member families drawn mostly from the local area. Its mission statement is:

***‘For the fostering, encouragement, promotion, teaching and above all, enjoyment of sailing on the waters of Pittwater’.***

The Club **is a** base for youth sailing. It conducts yearly sailing camps for members and **its** facilities are used for teaching and training by local schools. All activities are supported by family and senior members, using all forms of sailing craft. The Club is a registered AYF (Australian Yachting Federation) Teaching Establishment and regularly carries out teaching and examining of water safety, powerboat training and sailing skills.

The Club **is run** on a voluntary basis and its only source of income is membership subscriptions. All funds received **are** used **to** benefit sailing **and** associated club maintenance and improvements, after the committed payments of Council Rates, Insurances, fees **to** the Yachting Association, Sydney Water, power and **of** course the Department of Lands.

A major increase in any of these statutory costs necessitating an increase in membership fees could result in a severe cutback of the Club’s activities, and possibly a demise of this important community organisation.

Avalon Sailing Club Limited appeals to the tribunal to consider the factors briefly outlined above and distance the review **from** it and other voluntary Clubs occupying waterfront land.

Should there be any further information required please contact the undersigned.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ian Craig'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large 'i' at the start and a long, sweeping tail.

Hon. Secretary