

Review of Rental for Domestic Waterfront Tenancies in NSW  
Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal  
Level 2  
44 Market Street  
Sydney NSW 2000

Dear Sir

It is clear that every personal submission is likely to implore the same message. But also every case will be different according to circumstance. **So** please bear with mine.

My partner and I chose to live on Scotland Island in 1979, for the following reasons. It was remote, it was romantic, it was eccentric, and most importantly it was inexpensive. And at the time we could afford the price, the inconvenience of water access only, the time involved to reach my work. And being a largely hippie community it was very supportive and alternative. Much of that structure still exists. We have no road access, no mains sewage disposal, and no shops or commercial facilities, and are on tank water. We do have the never ending process of jetty and dinghy maintenance and increases in Council Rates. Any further increase in normal living costs is likely for many **of** us here, **to** be the final straw that break the proverbial camels back.

**As** a self funded retiree, now well into my seventies, we certainly enjoy all the benefits of Island life, and know no other. But we do so economically, as we have to. The **proposed** increases as I calculate them will cause us seriously to consider the prospect **of** leaving our home, but with nowhere to go. It is indeed a Catch 22 situation.

If we are forced to leave the Island and our friends, at least we may find ourselves in a situation where we do not have to pay for access to our own front door.

Perhaps you could consider the justification for having to pay anything at all ~~for~~ the privilege of going off Island for the bare necessities of life. I would strongly **reccomend** that all charge for Permissive Occupancy and domestic access be abolished. **Is** that too hard to ask? Probably. But please consider the unique overall situation here **on** Scotland Island. We can only get home by boat.

Yours Sincerely



P.A. Bond