

To: Review of Rental for Domestic Waterfront Tenancies
Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal
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By email

To the Tribunal Members,

Re: Rental for Domestic Waterfront Tenancies

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposal to increase existing levies on waterfront properties. Can the Tribunal please consider the following:

[1] As an owner / developer I had to pay for my own jetty and pontoon and have since then been required to pay an annual fee to Waterways for the privilege of using my own jetty!

Waterways in no way add any perceived or real value for the cost of this current levy and to think of any increase is absolutely absurd.

[2] The cost to comply with the regulations required to get the BA for the Jetty were substantial and we complied at every point

[3] The rationale for giving public access to the foreshore is not a problem where there is an established waterfront reserve, however, at Cammeray there is no possible access to walk around the foreshore as it is very steep in many places and there is no effective sandy or beach areas. Waterways needs to do a reality check, in particular the foreshore around Northbridge Golf Course is particularly rugged and inaccessible.

I have spoken to very many people recently about this ridiculous proposal and I can assure the Tribunal members that there is significant and vociferous opposition to this proposal. It is clearly seen as another tax on perceived wealthy landowners. In fact, many of the people who own waterfront properties bought these many years ago and this tax is completely unjustified.

What will be next? Who is it that thinks up these ridiculous, time wasting and non-value add, schemes?

Please apply some common sense and remember that we democratically elect members to represent our interests in a common sense and value adding way.

Yours Sincerely

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