

Dear Commissioner,

We write in respect of the review of rentals for domestic waterfront tenancies in NSW.

As owners of a water-access only property on Berowra Creek, some 40 km from the GPO, our jetty is our sole source of access to our house. It is as vital to us as road access is to most property-holders.

There are several hundred residences in our area in a similar situation. Many residences are owned by pensioners and others on low incomes, many of whom have lived on the river for decades. Changes in rental could dramatically alter the capacity of these people to survive. To be fair, your review of rentals should take into consideration the very different positions of those who depend on their jetties for all access to their properties, and those for whom a jetty is a luxury.

Yours sincerely,

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