

TO: Review of Rental for Domestic Waterfront Tenancies

Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal

Attn: Bob Burford

Dear Sir

We wish to add our voice to those expressing concern about the implications for residents of water-access-only (WAO) properties of the Waterfront Rental Review.

Jetties, ramps and pontoons (access structures) on WAO properties are not recreational indulgences or frivolous home improvements. They are essential not only for day-to-day commuter access, but also for deliveries of materials and supplies and for access in emergency situations such as bushfires, police matters or medical evacuations.

And they are fully funded and maintained by the lessees with no contribution or concession from any level of government. To levy rents or usage fees for this passage over Crown land is at best illogical, seen against the "free" use by "mainlanders" of their driveways, footpaths and kerbside parking. To propose raising these already unfair taxes on WAO properties by applying some alien notion of "market value" is unconscionable.

We urge adoption of the remedy already proposed by other respondents: legislation to create a separate class of WAO properties within the Crown Lands Act, incorporating residents' access as a right and removing inequitable charges.

Sincerely

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