

We address primarily the implications in the statement on page three paragraph 2 . The statement is

“ These leases are used by waterfront property owners for private recreation purposes “

We submit that this statement does not comply with the reality of the Hawkesbury as a working environment and community.

As an example of this we **ask** you to consider our situation. We live at Bar Point where we each **own** a house, our primary **and** only residences. There are very specific economic **and** family reasons why we live in this region. It is not for recreational purposes. Two of us are involved in work of a maritime nature, one in the health services and one, currently, domestic duties.

Bar Point is water access only, as are many other sections and settlements on the Hawkesbury. There is documented and easily researched transparent history of this river region being a working person's environment. This is an historical and geographical fact. The writers of the review document have emphasised the recreational **use** of the waters.

In our case all four adult members of the **households** use the two jetties associated with our households to berth commuter boats which are our only method of transport. Between us we have three small children who have to be taken each day to school or child care in Brooklyn. There are no public transport facilities, the school ferry having been discontinued two years ago despite local requests.

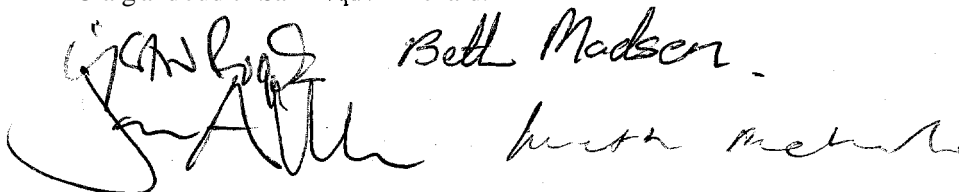
An estimate of the character of use of dwellings in our immediate neighbourhood along 500 metres of the shore line or sandstone escarpment adjacent, reveals that there are 23 households of permanent residents. A significant proportion of this small, yet typical, river community group commute from their houses or work along the river system in a variety of trades and occupations. Some dwellers **are** **aged** or retired, many have lived all their lives in **this** environment and can not afford to leave or resettle elsewhere. Many have children who are, or have been brought up along the river and go to school in nearby Mooney or Brooklyn or Berowra. In our case we depend entirely **upon** our jetties for survival. We are attempting **to** maintain a community infrastructure that supports child and family life. It should be noted that **as** commuters we must cover the **cost** of construction and maintenance of our jetties plus all extra fees, such **as** those proposed by the Dept of Lands and Waterways and we also pay berthing facilities on the Brooklyn side. We pay Council Rates for a minimal service. This creates accumulative financial strain.

In short, our submission is that this is a working environment and the boatsheds, jetties, ramps, pontoons etc. are used to support such activity. We depend upon these facilities for livelihood, schooling, and access to services, for emergencies such as bush fire, medical attention and for the numerous daily uses.

There are of course recreational and occasional users, however the more affluent profile of those uses may obscure the complex tasks which these jetty facilities support. You may note, also, that it is the residents of the river community who maintain the human infrastructure of the Hawkesbury environment upon which the recreational users 'float'. **Our** point is that the Review document appears not to satisfactorily acknowledge the significant uses for non recreational purposes and we humbly request **that** in your deliberations, you address this matter and the special cases of water access only residents.

Yours sincerely Jan and Beth Madsen

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The block contains two handwritten signatures. On the left is a signature that appears to be 'Jan Madsen' written in a cursive, somewhat stylized script. To its right is a signature that appears to be 'Beth Madsen' written in a more legible, cursive hand. Both signatures are in black ink.