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2 Points of issue:

State Local Government department. Being based in Nowra it makes it hard to communicate with when you have problems with local government regulations and you are trying to find out the way it should be done. I refer to the issue of rates of crown land of Shared pontoons. Local council are not much help and having to communicate with them is the next step. I had massive problems previously but now the Department at Dangar Island has changed things and I have to find out how the local government act will approach it now.

Local Councils need a middle level of staff that have true field EXPERIENCE and UNDERSTANDING. Field staff need this so that the massive amount of waste is eliminated. I do not work for council but saw it first hand. The trend to eliminate non-field staff everywhere is the major issue creating this waste. I talk about jobs being designed which the field staff do not understand. I even heard a comment, we do not work off plans, we just do what we always have done. Result pipes in the wrong place having to be replaced.