

Dear Sir,

We are owners of a water access only property on the Hawkesbury River, north of Sydney. Like many of our neighbours we are permanent residents in this property. We choose to live in this area because of its beauty and safety but our other main considerations in purchasing this land and building our own home on it was its proximity to Sydney, and it's very low price due to being water access only (\$83,000). We are a long way from being wealthy will never be in a financial position to purchase a home in Sydney. We are in our late 30's with 2 small children and like many other families, a huge mortgage.

There is, and never will be, road access to our home, it can only be accessed by water. Our jetty is not for recreational purposes.

We have constructed our own jetty, ramp and pontoon, only the minimum structure required, at our own cost of \$17,000.00. We maintain the structures at our own cost and pay the premiums for the required insurance. In addition we must pay marina fees in Brooklyn so that we can park our car on private land and moor our boat. These are currently \$245 per month. These fees are obviously unavoidable as there are no public berths provided for us.

There is no regular access by public transport or a public jetty giving us access to our home.

Should we sell our home the purchaser has to re apply for a jetty license, with no guarantee of success, thus the sale of house cannot include the jetty.

If we cannot guarantee the new owner the jetty how can having a jetty be seen as improving our land value?

No property owner is charged a fee for a driveway or to park a car on the street let alone be asked to build their own garage and also charged each year for it with no right of resale, then also be charged for any on street parking they used. Imagine if these rules were applied for resident street parking in "silvertail" Woollahra!

We ask that, like any other property owner or occupier, we should be able to access our home without penalty. We ask that a long term lease ie. A 99 year lease should be granted to us on our jetties We believe that any charge to access our own home or berth our boat at our home is inequitable, and that for a long term lease only a "peppercorn rent" be charged.

Yours faithfully,

Lucette Slarke-Rutherford and Lewis Slarke