

Dear Sir/Madame,

I have recently discovered there is to be a change to the rental charges for waterfrontages.

Apparently this was only mentioned on radio and in the newspaper. I feel this is not good enough. How can residents make a comment or express their concerns, when they are not notified.

So, very briefly, I would like to object strongly to the changes being reviewed. After all, as the current Waterways lease states that a lessee can't assign/transfer/sub let etc with anyone and that when selling the property must remove water structures etc, there is absolutely NO MARKET VALUE to wharves and pontoons anyway!!!!?????

So how can the new rentals you are implementing possibly 'reflect and maintain their market value' ?

Is it going to be aligned then to the value of the property??? how unfair you are! So, where is the logic in all this time wasting rubbish...it is just another slog to people who happen to live on the foreshore, and many, like ourselves, who pay a good amount and spend a lot of time to keep the foreshore of our property maintained.

This is really most unfair.

The increase is enormous, and ludicrous. Please rethink this review...even if you start by let the people it will affect know what is being planned and have time to voice their concerns. Not everyone who lives on a waterfront is wealthy.

In Hunters Hill, the waterfronts were cheaper in the old days than normal blocks as the river was polluted and smelly. There are still older people living in modest houses ...how will they cope with this new amount as well as already having to find thousands more a year for land tax.

So, obviously I am strongly suggesting you stop this greedy increase and rethink how the rental system should work, so that both parties are satisfied.

sincerely,

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