

Submission to **Review of Rental for Domestic Waterfront Tenancies in NSW.**

I am a Water access only property owner and my jetty and pontoon as the only means of access to my house. They are not for recreation or leisure use. Our boat is our car, the river is our roadway and the jetty and pontoon is where we park. We should have the same rights as other Australians, which is free and unencumbered access to our home. The right to access our properties across Crown Land (the river) was implicit in the original Crown Land Subdivision. Such access is a right and not a privilege which should incur no financial penalty.

As our jetty and pontoon is my “driveway” it should be treated as any other and should not be subject to rental, fees costs and charges based on valuation of the adjoining land.

Water Access only properties should be treated differently and be given a 99 year lease at the nominal rent which would automatically transfers to heirs, executors and assigns to incoming purchasers when a property is sold.

The consent authority should be the Waterways Authority together with local council and there should be one uniform policy for Hawkesbury River, Berowra Creek and Pittwater areas.

New applications for jetties, pontoons etc and any applications to vary existing conditions should be determines within a statutory timeframe (within 90 days), with full right of appeal thereafter.

I would just like to be treated as any other Australian who owns a home, to have free access to it.

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