



Mooring regulation streamline review

Fact sheet

The Department of Transport is seeking public input into a review of the use and management of boat moorings in WA waters with the aim of developing a more fair and equitable system for boat users. We are undertaking a two stage consultation process, with each phase providing opportunity for your feedback.

Current situation:

- There are approximately 1800 approved moorings in WA waters and 97,000 recreational boat owners.
- Over the past two years 49% of all licensed moorings in the Swan and Canning Mooring Control Areas were predominantly vacant.
- It is estimated there are at least 1,500 unauthorised moorings in State controlled waters.
- Unauthorised moorings are often poorly maintained, randomly placed and can put other water users and the environment at risk.
- Demand for access to licenced moorings is increasing as population increases.
- The current system does not have facility for a moorings waiting list in all areas.
- Moorings in WA are currently the subject of two sets of regulations under the *Shipping and Pilotage Act 1967* and the *Western Australian Marine Act 1982*.
- The WA boating community says the system is confusing and inequitable.

The Review:

The objectives of the Mooring Regulation Streamline Review are to:

- Provide a single set of mooring regulations to be administered across State waters;
- Establish classes of moorings for simpler administration and understanding by the community, and safer use;
- Introduce a short-term casual use of vacant moorings;
- Deliver improved administration with greater clarity for users;
- Provide fair and equitable access to licensed moorings and;
- Prevent moorings from gaining proprietary value.

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