



8 July 2021

The Hon. Shelley Hancock MP
Minister for Local Government
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Dear Ms. Shelly Hancock MP.

Re., Impounding Act Review

Dear Minister,

We are writing to you regarding our collective concern for the direction your department is headed with the Impounding Act Review.

We are concerned that significant changes are being proposed and there appears little interest from the Department in addressing concerns raised that will have an impact on the public.

NSW has an estimated 2 million people who enjoy recreational boating and almost 1 in 5 households has a boat or watercraft.

In most case boats on trailers are required to be registered for use on roads and waterways yet your legislation is focused only on prohibiting them from parking on public roads.

The work of your Department should also better align with Transport for NSW which has a project underway to respond to the challenge of derelict or abandoned vessels; and furthermore, TfNSW has a program dedicated to supporting infrastructure solutions to boat access and storage. That latter work has included investigating solutions to trailer boat parking in metropolitan areas, which would appear to be the crux of your departments concern.

We are concerned the review has not:

- demonstrated an appropriate level of consideration of relevant and appropriate long-term data to support the need to impose a statewide burden on the majority of people who do the right thing due to the poor behaviour of the few – especially in metropolitan areas;
- demonstrated consideration of stakeholder impacts (e.g., including economic and social) or sought to engage key stakeholders directly from the outset;

- explored alternatives to regulatory measures such as working with the regulator for trailers and boats; or a local resident parking permit for registered boats on registered trailers; and
- demonstrated an appropriate level of consultation with all key stakeholders impacted.

We believe that a 4 week extension to the deadline for comment is appropriate and another opportunity to discuss concerns directly with your Department would benefit the process and the outcome for the greater good.

We look forward to your favourable consideration and urgent response

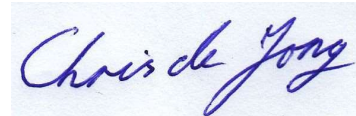
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