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WA Mooring Association ("WAMA")

7th April 2015

(to be incorporated)

C/O: Fremantle Post Office

Unit 1, 13 Market Street

FREMANTLE WA 6160

Email: wamooringassoc@gmail.com

Attention: The Director General

Department of Transport

via. Marine House

1 Essex Street

FREMANTLE WA 6160

Dear Sir,

**WA MOORING ASSOCIATION and
MOORING REGULATIONS STREAMLINE REVIEW**

The Department of Transport ("**DoT**") is currently undertaking a review of the Western Australian mooring regulations. The review is named 'Mooring Regulations Streamline Review.'

A consultative committee was formed by the DoT but it appears that there has been limited representation from the mooring owners throughout the State.

A group of concerned mooring licensees and mooring registration holders have formed an association to present submissions to the Minister for Transport and the DoT during the process of the Mooring Regulations Streamline Review. The association will be incorporated in due course.

In the meantime the Preliminary Committee (the undersigned) of the WA Mooring Association has decided to inform the authorities of its existence and the intentions.

Proposed Primary Aims of the WA Mooring Association:

- to establish 'mooring owners' representation onto the DoT review committee by way of the formation of the proposed WA Mooring Association.
- to respond to the objectives of the review being undertaken by DoT in an organised manner that is supported by members of the Mooring Association.
- to provide a platform that will ensure that the views of individual mooring owners will be heard by government during the review process.
- to provide ideas that will assist in the Department meeting the objectives of the regulation review.
- to promote processes that are aimed at the protection of the interests of mooring licence and mooring registration holders.

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Further to the above aims the WA Mooring Association herewith formally requests that if any group or reference meetings are held in relation to the Mooring Regulations Streamline Review then there should be present at least two members of the WA Mooring Association to participate in the proceedings.

From a review of documentation released by the Department related to the Mooring Regulations Streamline Review, and feedback from approximately 90 to 100 mooring owners who attended two information evenings held by the Department, it appears from feedback from the mooring owners that the main contentious areas are (but not limited to) as follows:

- The proposal to allow short term rental use of existing moorings to be managed by the Department.
- The proposed introduction of a mooring system into the Swan, Canning and Mangles Bay similar to that being used by Rottnest Island Authority.
- The proposal to restrict mooring apparatus from gaining proprietary value and to stop owners from recouping some of the costs of their mooring when their mooring is transferred.
- To put the transfer of mooring site licences and registrations under the complete control of the DoT.

The WA Mooring Association will lodge formal submissions to the authorities in due course.

In the meantime the Association is ready to nominate two parties to attend any reference group meeting which may take place in relation to the Department's review program.

The Association requests an immediate response from the Department in relation to this matter.

The preliminary committee of the Association also requests that any progressive information regarding the Mooring Regulations Streamline Review be forwarded to the Association so that it may be perused by its members.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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Dear Sir,

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and REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE and INFORMATION**

Further to prior correspondence to the Director General.

The Preliminary Committee of the proposed WA Mooring Association herewith requests assistance from the Director General in the following areas.

Contact Assistance

Several WAMA members have expressed that it is very difficult to get contact information related to mooring licensees (and registration holders under different regulations) from the Department (Mooring Office) despite Mooring Regulations 1998 r.8(4)(b) which states:

"8. Register

- (1) The Director General is to keep a register of mooring licences and mooring sites.
- ...
- (4) A list setting out the number of every registered mooring site and the name of the licensee is to be —
 - (a) kept at the head office of the Maritime Division of the Department in Fremantle; and
 - (b) available for inspection by the public during office hours free of charge."

Many have had no success in getting contact information for mooring licensees and registration holders.

For the purpose of informing parties that the WA Mooring Association was being formed a request was made to the Mooring Office for a copy of the list of the attendees to the Point Walter meeting for the Mooring Regulations Streamline Review information evening held a couple of weeks ago. The request was refused.

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It is important that if a fully integrated meaningful and constructive submission is to be made to the Department in relation to the mooring review by WAMA, WAMA needs to let as many people as possible know of its proposed formation. So far as the result of a couple of newspaper articles and direct contact to individuals WAMA has had approximately eighty (and growing) parties register their interest in joining WAMA.

The preliminary committee for WAMA herewith requests that all mooring licensees and mooring registration holders in WA be informed by the Department that if they are interested in contributing to the efforts of WAMA in relation to the Mooring Regulation Streamline Review then those parties should register their interest and contact information by sending an email to WAMA at wamooringassoc@gmail.com

Cooperation by the Department by way of assisting with this request will surely contribute to a successful review of the mooring situation in WA.

Request for Statistics

The preliminary management committee of WAMA believes that having knowledge of statistics related to the mooring situation in Western Australia will assist with better determinations in respect to the proposed changes as expressed in the Mooring Regulations Streamline Review documentation and as discussed at the information evenings. The committee believes that a submission by WAMA to the Government will be better balanced if it based on objective evidence and not just based on subjective statements which seem to be prevailing at this stage.

WAMA requests that the Director General provide the information, as noted on the attached page, that is related to moorings in Western Australia so that it may be considered by all members of WAMA and therefore add to the constructive substance of WAMA's forthcoming submission to the Department.

Please see the attached Annexure "A" for the statistics requested.

An early response will be greatly appreciated by the WA Mooring Association members.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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Annexure "A" Information requested from the Director General by WAMA

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For Recreational Moorings:

Moorings Regulations 1998 (i.e. Swan and Canning River Park)

Max. Vessel Length (M-metres)	No. of Mooring Site Licences	Progressive Total
Less than or = to 6.0 M		
> 6.0 M but < or = to 10.0 M		
> 10.0 M but < or = to 15.0 M		
> 15.0 M but < or = to 20.0 M		
Greater than 20.0 M		

Shipping and Pilotage Regulations (i.e. Mangles Bay and elsewhere.)

Max. Vessel Length (M-metres)	No. of Moorings Registered	Progressive Total
Less than or = to 6.0 M		
> 6.0 M but < or = to 10.0 M		
> 10.0 M but < or = to 15.0 M		
> 15.0 M but < or = to 20.0 M		
Greater than 20.0 M		

Recreational Moorings Registered under other Statutes and Regulations

Max. Vessel Length (M-metres)	No. of Moorings Registered	Progressive Total
Less than or = to 6.0 M		
> 6.0 M but < or = to 10.0 M		
> 10.0 M but < or = to 15.0 M		
> 15.0 M but < or = to 20.0 M		
Greater than 20.0 M		

Moorings Site Licence and Registration Transfers for Past Ten Years:

1. Under Mooring Regulations 1998 (i.e. Swan and Canning River Park)
2. Shipping and Pilotage Regulations 1983 (i.e. Mangles Bay and elsewhere.)
3. No of Relinquished Moorings (i.e. taken over or removed by the Department.)

Year of Transfer	No. of Mooring Site Licences Transferred (MR1998)	No. of Mooring Registrations Transferred (S&P[M]R1983)	No. of Licences or Registrations Given Back to DoT
2015			
2014			
2013			
2012			
2011			
2010			
2009			
2008			
2007			
2006			

and further if the following information is available:

Boat Pens

Total No. of Boat Pens in: Perth Metropolitan Area; Mandurah; Elsewhere (Private and Government)

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End of Request