

# MOORINGS REFORM PROGRAM



## About the program

The Moorings Review Issues Paper prepared by Transport for New South Wales received public feedback on a number of mooring management policy initiatives to

- Reduce the administrative burden on industry and the community
- Improve consistency and transparency
- Ensure the policy and regulatory framework is modern and flexible to respond to growing demand for boat storage.

Feedback confirmed that rather than pursuing significant increases in mooring numbers to meet demand, the focus should be on better use of existing capacity through improved regulation and administration, and exploring new technologies and delivery mechanisms.

The Moorings Reform Program outlines a number of actions that have been developed in consultation with the Maritime Advisory Council to respond to this feedback and the issues identified in the Moorings Review Issues Paper.

Key actions identified include:

- Introducing mooring apparatus standards and compulsory certification as a condition of mooring licence renewal
- Trialling 'multiple mooring' designs to increase capacity.
- Piloting a program to encourage voluntary removal of end of life boats from private moorings
- Phasing in environmentally friendly moorings to protect seagrass areas
- Reviewing and modernising mooring management, administration, regulations and standards.

Transport for New South Wales has also explored options to introduce compulsory insurance for moored vessels. This work found that a compulsory insurance requirement would place additional cost burdens on responsible boat owners and increase the complexity of the mooring licence system.

The Program will initially focus on refining existing mooring management processes and compliance mechanisms via the five key actions, whilst factoring in feedback received from boat owners about the problems associated with adjoining boat damage and salvage insurance.

We anticipate that the Mooring Reform Program will address these problems. Compulsory insurance requirements will be re-investigated if problems continue after the new mooring management processes and compliance mechanisms are implemented.

## Next steps

Roads and Maritime Services will deliver the Moorings Reform Program over the period 2018-2020.

Planning is underway for the implementation of the key actions. Boat owners and stakeholders will be consulted as we implement these initiatives. Further information about the program will be made available online as planning progresses.

## For further information

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