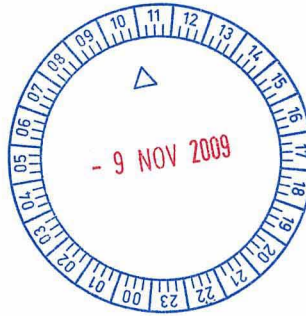


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**RE: Inquiry into Recreation Activities within Public Drinking Water Source Areas**

To: The Public Administration Committee.

My name is Shane Milligan and as a keen member of the recreational fishing public, I would like to submit my thoughts for your consideration into Recreation Activities within Public Drinking Water Source Areas.

I have been trout fishing, camping and water skiing in SW WA for about 10 years with trout opening day/week having become a not to miss annual event.

I thank you for your consideration of the following:

- We are not endowed with significant freshwater waterways in the SW of WA. So I am fully supportive of multi-user water catchment areas, ie combined recreation use and drinking water supply.
  - Recreational use would need to be monitored/controlled:
    - Harvey Dam allows sailing, canoe/kayak, swimming, and no petrol powered boats.
    - User pays system, similar to National Parks in the State, including camp site fees to cover cleaning (similar to Ningaloo).
    - Do not supply bins; this just lets the wind blow rubbish to surrounding area.
    - Tighter engine emissions if petrol powered boats are to be used in drinking water catchment, e.g. water skiing.
    - Fishing might be controlled to artificial only (fly/lure), e.g. Waroona Dam and Logue Brook Dam. Unfortunately, some fishers feel the need to leave their rubbish; hopefully the rest of us will keep cleaning it up.
- I would support re-cycled water for house hold supply, treated of course, as used in some European counties and Japan. Science would tend to suggest that all water is recycled, ie precipitation process.
- There has been much written on the economic benefits to local communities of multi user waterways, both overseas and in the Eastern Australian States.
  - No doubt some of these water ways have suffered short term negative quality impacts that need treatment strategies, policy and monitor/enforcement.
  - My family's water skiing activities occur at Lake Navarino (Waroona Dam) and Logue Brook Dam, although not drinking water these areas are kept reasonable clean/tidy.
  - The re-opening of Logue Brook Dam was a current Government election promise.

- There are many waterways that are off limits to recreational use due to current WA drinking water catchment policy, e.g. Stirling Dam. These could be used for social benefit, e.g. camping and water activities.
- The Harvey River feeding the Harvey Dam is off limits, locked gate to WAWA land.
  - There appears to be at least three (3) parties that might have governance on these waterways. This should be reduced to one (1) for responsibility and consistency.
- Policy would need to consider the impact of increasing population on the use of current recreational and drinking water catchment.

My contact details are in the top header if you need to clarify further.

Yours faithfully,

Shane Milligan