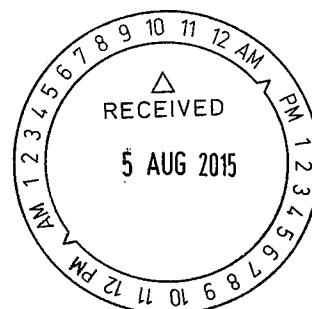




## Minister for Transport

Our ref: 53-08507  
Your ref: Petition No 85



Hon Simon O'Brien MLC  
Chairman  
Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs  
Parliament House  
PERTH WA 6000

Dear Mr O'Brien

### **PETITION NO 85 - ROWLES LAGOON WATER SKIING AREA**

Thank you for your letter dated 17 June 2015 seeking my views on Petition No 85 Rowles Lagoon Water Skiing Area.

Department of Transport (DoT) regularly undertakes Aquatic Use Reviews (AUR) of waterways around Western Australia to ensure the safe, equitable and sustainable use of these important areas. These reviews are consistent with the roles and responsibilities of DoT and focus on maximising community benefit and amenity.

If the Department of Parks and Wildlife considers permitting recreational activities such as water skiing or jet skiing on Rowles Lagoon, then DoT would undertake an AUR process for Rowles Lagoon to assess the safety aspect and obtain feedback from key stakeholders and the local community.

Should a water ski area be gazetted, DoT has the ability to automatically gazette the ski area to be open and closed dependent on water levels. This system is currently in place for other inland waterways where water skiing is permitted.

Thank you for raising this matter.

Yours sincerely

**DEAN NALDER MLA  
MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT**

3 AUG 2015