

# Fact sheet Boating permits



## Boating permits to be phased out

Boating access to Lake Somerset and Lake Wivenhoe will be free of charge from 1 August 2017, with the boating permit scheme for these lakes to be phased out during 2016 and 2017.

A review of the scheme concluded there was minimal value in its continuation.

### What does this mean for you?

- The phase out period will commence 1 August 2016 and conclude on 31 July 2017.
- A boating permit for Lake Somerset and Lake Wivenhoe is still required until 31 July 2017 and yearly permits will be sold at a pro rata rate.
- If you currently hold a valid boating permit, your permit will be applicable until its expiration date.
- If your yearly permit expires between 1 August 2016 and 31 July 2017, and you would like to continue boating on Lake Somerset or Lake Wivenhoe, you will need to purchase a pro rata permit.
- Weekly permits will remain on sale during this period at a cost of \$15.00.
- From 1 August 2017, the scheme will discontinue in its entirety and no boating permits will be sold from this date. Boating access to Lake Somerset and Lake Wivenhoe will be free of charge from this date.

### Background

We currently require boat users whose vessels are registered by the Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads and/or would normally be transported on a trailer due to size of the craft, buy a permit for Lake Somerset and Lake Wivenhoe. Kayaks, canoes and similar paddlecraft do not normally require a permit.

### What is the cost of a permit?

From 1 August 2016, the pro rata costs to purchase a permit are:

Month the permit is purchased	Cost
August 2016	\$69.00
September 2016	\$63.00
October 2016	\$56.00
November 2016	\$50.00
December 2016	\$44.00
January 2017	\$38.00
February 2017	\$31.00
March 2017	\$25.00
April 2017	\$19.00
May 2017	\$15.00
June 2017	\$15.00
July 2017	No charge

- The costs above apply to any yearly pro rata permit purchased between 1 August 2016 and 31 July 2017.
- To improve efficiency and assist with the transition, there is only one lot of costs, regardless of whether you are purchasing a new permit or renewing an existing one.
- Costs for the phase out period have been based on the renewal price range.
- Refunds will not be offered or accepted.

### Where can permits be purchased?

Boating permits can be purchased at a number of locations. Find out how to buy your permit on the Boating page of our website [seqwater.com.au](http://seqwater.com.au)

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## Making access easier

We are committed to providing enhanced recreation opportunities to the South East Queensland region.

Changes to the boating permit scheme will see a reduction in red tape for the benefit of the boating community. It will also mean there is a consistent approach applied to boating access across all our lakes where boating is permitted.

Discontinuing the boating permit scheme will not affect our ability to provide recreation opportunities at Lake Somerset and Lake Wivenhoe.

Don't forget to check whether your vessel still needs to be registered with the Department of Transport and Main Roads.

We are pleased to be able to begin removing this financial barrier to accessing Lake Somerset and Lake Wivenhoe.

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