

Recreation Management Plan

Lakes Atkinson/Somerset/Wivenhoe

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Overview

Healthy communities. Prosperous region. This is Seqwater's vision and is intrinsic to our operations. Seqwater is responsible for ensuring a safe, secure and reliable water supply for almost three million people across South East Queensland. We are unique in South East Queensland in that our catchments are more open from both a recreational and broader land use perspective. In developing the recreation management plans for our water storages we need to consider, foremost, that this water is the source for all our drinking water.

Seqwater recognises the importance of recreation to the community and encourages the responsible enjoyment of our natural areas. In June 2013, Seqwater began the most extensive review of recreational activities and facilities at South East Queensland dams and catchments ever undertaken.

Our Objective: Manage access to recreation opportunities while protecting natural resources and water quality.

The challenge that faces Seqwater is how to manage our core role of providing drinking water to a growing population, while satisfying growing community demands and expectations for access to lakes and their catchments. Achieving our objective requires a risk based approach to the management of recreation, and the cooperation and support from the community.

Our promise to the community at the outset of the Recreation Review was to listen and learn about the recreational opportunities in and around the lakes, and within our constraints, deliver a management plan based on this feedback.

The response by the community and stakeholders to the Review has been outstanding. Special thanks are extended to the many people who provided input and participated in the surveys and workshops that helped us shape the new plans.



The Value of Our Natural Areas

Seqwater currently provide more than 50 per cent of the region's green space (excluding areas of conservation), with our recreation assets attracting around two million visitors each year.

Natural Value

Seqwater owns or manages approximately 60,000 hectares of land across South East Queensland. These assets not only supply water to a growing region, but also encompass some of the most scenic and picturesque sites in the region.

The natural areas around our lakes are home to an abundance of native wildlife, including providing important habitat for koalas that are listed as a vulnerable species.

Cultural Value

Seqwater catchments encompass landscapes and places of great importance to Aboriginal communities in South East Queensland. Seqwater is committed to managing those places sensitively and in partnership with those communities.

Social Value

Seqwater sites provide a range of social benefits, including recreation, tourism, education and social interaction between groups, families and others. They also support community wellbeing and provide opportunities for improving general health through outdoor recreation.

Economic Value

Seqwater sites are being increasingly recognised for their potential to encourage economic activity in regional areas. Expenditure by people visiting Seqwater lakes contributes significantly to local economic activity and generates local employment.

Seqwater commissioned external advice on the *Economic Value of Recreation Undertaken on Seqwater's Land*. A travel cost study supported by an independent survey of dam visitors was undertaken in June 2013 to understand the value visitors place on recreation. In summary the study found:

- Queensland households place a significant value on visits to Seqwater lakes. On average, an adult visitor to a Seqwater lake values the experience at around \$60 per trip. This translates to a total intrinsic value of recreation of over **\$150 million per annum**.

- A high proportion of people stop at regional towns on the way to and from Seqwater sites providing significant benefits to local businesses.
- The top 3 most visited dams were
 - Wivenhoe
 - Hinze
 - Somerset
- Almost 80% of respondents said they visited as part of a group
- 40% of respondents who visited Seqwater sites are in the 55+ age bracket
- The top 3 main reasons for visiting an Seqwater site were
 - Relaxing with families and friends
 - Enjoying the natural environment
 - Picnicking

Both the feedback from the community, and the results of the independent review, has highlighted that visiting our lakes and recreation areas is a highly valued experience. The majority of people that come want to enjoy the environment and natural areas. This aligns well with our objective regarding recreation management – *To manage access to recreation opportunities while protecting natural resources and water quality.*

Recreation also provides an opportunity to educate people regarding the importance of maintaining healthy catchments to protect our source water.

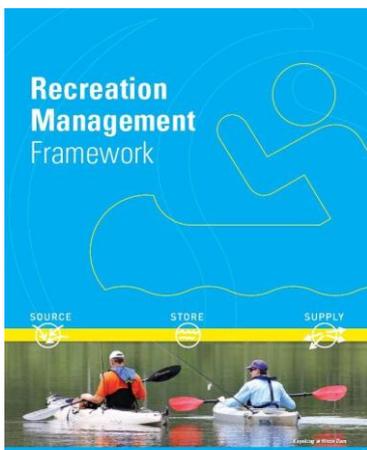
Scope

This recreation management plan encompasses all land based and water based recreation undertaken on Seqwater owned or controlled sites at Lakes Somerset, Wivenhoe and Atkinson, unless specifically addressed through legislation or other access arrangements including permits, licences or leases.

Management Approach

Seqwater's Recreation Management Framework recognises recreation in natural areas as a legitimate use, however not all activities can be provided at every site, nor is it desirable to do so. The purpose of the Recreation Management Framework is to inform policy and guide decision making regarding recreational use of Seqwater sites.

The Recreation Management Framework has seven key principles:



- Minimise risks to water quality
- Ensure environmental sustainability
- Diversity in the range of recreation activities, locations and settings
- Ensure all use is consistent with Seqwater's land management practices
- Facilitate sustainable recreation
- Engage with external regulating agencies
- Meet financial management outcomes

A key management principle in the Framework is *Diversity*. This principle recognises the importance of ensuring that there is a range of recreational experiences catered for so that recreation spaces meet the needs of the wider community. The fact that Lakes Somerset, Wivenhoe and Atkinson are all closely located to one another provides an ideal opportunity to embrace and enhance the diversity of recreational settings and experiences in the region thereby maximizing the benefits to both the users and the local community.

Lakes Somerset and Wivenhoe are the two most popular lakes in South East Queensland with nearly one million people per year visiting these two lakes. The experiences that these lakes offer are quite different. Lake Somerset is a popular

destination for motorised watercraft including water skiing and jet skiing. Wivenhoe, on the other hand, caters for the more passive recreation activities such as fishing, paddling and sailing. Lake Atkinson is fast growing in popularity and is also a popular destination for motorised watercraft, and is a particularly popular location for water skiing and jet skiing competitions. This means that this cluster offers quite a diverse range of experience for recreators, catering for both the more passive pursuits right through to the more high adrenaline activities.

The community feedback through the Recreation Review has supported that the diversity of activities permitted at these lakes should be maintained. Seqwater has, however, acknowledged that some changes should be made to activities at Lakes Somerset and Wivenhoe in line with the feedback received:

- Lake Somerset will essentially be separated into two zones. The northern end of the lake will have a 6 knot speed limit introduced in recognition of hazards in this area for vessels travelling at high speed. The southern end of the lake will continue to permit motorised watercraft.
- Lake Wivenhoe will permit restricted use of fuel powered watercraft in recognition of the safety issues associated with the use of electric engines on a large lake. Vessels will only be permitted to travel at a maximum of 6 knots and must have low emission engines.

Recognising the range of other agencies, community groups and individuals who have an interest in the management and use of Lakes Somerset, Wivenhoe and Atkinson, Seqwater will continue to work collaboratively with these groups to achieve sustainable recreational use and deliver on the changes to access and facilities highlighted through the consultation process for the Recreation Review.

Addressing any emerging issues for recreation and the consideration of new management arrangements, will continue to include appropriate consultation with the community and relevant stakeholders.

Funding

Seqwater's primary focus is to *"deliver safe, secure, resilient and reliable water supplies at least cost to its customers"*. While we recognise that recreation is an important element of the services we provide to the community, the provision of extensive recreation facilities and services is not something we are explicitly funded for. Seqwater's *Statement of Obligations* requires us, amongst other things, to *"review opportunities for recreation including strategies to recover costs from users and/or beneficiaries where appropriate"*. This will be an ongoing consideration in regard to the management and delivery of recreational facilities.

Funding for Recreation Review Outcomes

The timing of the implementation of the changes highlighted in the recreation review will largely be dependent on when funding can be secured. Seqwater is currently working in partnership with Somerset Regional Council to secure funding and develop an implementation plan for the delivery of many of the recreation review outcomes.

Regular updates on the progress of these initiatives will be forwarded to everyone that registered interest for these lakes online, key stakeholders, as well as updates on our website.

Commercial Undertakings

Seqwater recognises that the use of its sites for commercial undertakings contributes to the economic activity in regional areas.

While our primary objective in the management of recreation is to manage access to recreation opportunities for the **public**, we recognise that commercial operators can play a role in supporting visitor needs and increasing the public's enjoyment and appreciation of our natural areas.

Seqwater has developed a *Commercial Activities Policy* which outlines the process and requirements for any commercial use of sites. Where sites are used either temporarily or more permanently for commercial purposes, a commercial fee will be applied.

Further information can be found on the Seqwater website at www.seqwater.com.au

Recreation Management

Conditions of Access and Use

The *Seqwater Rules* outline the conditions of access and use by all visitors to Seqwater sites. These are referenced on the on-site signage. A full copy of the rules can be found on the website www.seqwater.com.au.

The primary purpose of the *Seqwater Rules* is to ensure the safety of visitors and to protect the environment and infrastructure provided so that the areas are safe for all to enjoy. All visitors are asked to comply with these rules.

Visitors should also remember that the lakes and catchments are operational assets and their use for recreational purposes cannot impact their primary purpose. The operational requirements of Seqwater's business **will always** override any recreational use.

Public Notices

Seqwater endeavours to ensure that visitors are well informed about any issues at sites that may impact the visitor's experience. A number of methods are used to keep everyone informed including:

- Seqwater Website
- Facebook
- Direct stakeholder email notifications
- On Site signage

Seqwater recommends that all visitors check the Seqwater website or facebook page before visiting any sites.

Enforcement

Seqwater actively enforces the use and activities on its sites. Any such enforcement activities are primarily aimed at visitor education and voluntary compliance to ensure the safety and enjoyment of all users.

Seqwater also partners with key enforcement agencies such as Queensland Police and Maritime Safety Queensland and coordinates the management and enforcement activities across all sites.

Feedback through the Recreation Review has highlighted how important appropriate enforcement is to visitors. As a result Seqwater will be reviewing its resourcing, its

enforcement powers and the partnering opportunities that may exist to improve enforcement across all of its sites.

Recreation Infrastructure

Visitors expect a wide range of settings, experiences and facilities reflecting wide-ranging outdoor interests and cultural diversity.

Any new facilities and amenities should be in harmony with existing settings and should not impact water quality or the environmental values of the area. They need to respect the cultural values, be functional and address visitor needs. Where practical Seqwater will utilise recyclable and/or renewable materials and adhere to energy and water efficiency guidelines.

Seqwater will endeavour to provide adequate, well maintained recreational infrastructure within its budgetary constraints.

Education

There are a variety of opportunities to encourage the uptake of best practices by recreational users and for them to be active stewards for Seqwater lakes and catchments. Seqwater will make available and promote ways for the community and recreational users to contribute to the ongoing protection of our natural areas and drinking water catchments, and thereby ensure safe and sustainable recreation.

All efforts will be made to ensure that visitors are better informed of the opportunities at each Seqwater recreation site, and that the information provided enhances visitor experiences, understanding and appreciation.

Safety

Seqwater's dams and lakes are part of natural systems and have naturally occurring characteristics that visitors need to be mindful of when recreating. These characteristics change regularly and include changing bacteria levels and hazards above and below water. This is a very normal and an expected occurrence in any natural system. Visitors are encouraged to comply with all on site signage, check the website for updates/changes to conditions, and take care when recreating.

Summary of Feedback and Outcomes

Consultation Feedback

The following provides a summary of all the issues raised throughout the consultation process identifying the common themes across all the data collected throughout the consultation period.

Lake Atkinson

Key findings:

- Atkinson is generally considered a good recreation area in its current form.
- Themes focused on improvements to camping facilities, swimming areas, ability to bring dogs to the lake and opening hours.
- A segregated swimming area is in demand at this lake.
- Visitors wish to bring their dogs on leash.
- Changing the opening hours to reflect the daylight hours.

Activity	Issue Summary	Seqwater Response
Swimming	High level of demand for designated swimming areas (70%) Some commentary provided around dangers of skiers to children swimming	Seqwater are investigating potential locations. Consultation with Caravan Park Operator is required before location is finalised.
Picnicking	Majority satisfied with current facilities	Not required
Playgrounds	Limited demand for additional facilities Majority did not have an opinion on these facilities	Not required
Camping	Limited demand for additional facilities Almost half of all respondents did not have an opinion on these facilities Small percentage noted current facilities were congested during peak periods Request to clean up existing caravan park	Seqwater only owns the Flood Margin Land (riparian strip) and this is licenced to the caravan park operator. The park is privately run on freehold land. Feedback to be provided to Caravan Park Owners.
Motorised	Majority support a SEQ wide	Decisions on boating permit scheme

Activity	Issue Summary	Seqwater Response
Watercraft	boating permit Some commentary around the lake being too crowded in peak periods	will be made at the completion of the recreation review in 2014.
Non-Motorised Watercraft	Opinion was evenly split in relation to the need for access changes for non-motorised watercraft Some demand to be able to fish from a boat or the shore Some demand for non-motorised watercraft to be in a separate area Recognition of the size of the lake and the often drastically reduced water levels	Seqwater has considered the views and opinions provided through the consultation. Due to the limited size, the varying capacity of the lake, the access to the lake and the variety of demands, there is no suitable solution that addresses all the issues raised. Wivenhoe is only a short distance away, so visitors may find Wivenhoe a suitable alternative for the more passive recreational pursuits.
Fishing	Majority happy with current fishing access Some demand to be able to fish from a boat or the shore	Nil required.
Trails	Split between those who are indifferent and those wanting trail based activities around the lake	The land owned by Seqwater surrounding this lake is limited to the riparian strip. The fluctuations associated with the lake do not enable a walkway to be built and maintained. Trails at Wivenhoe may be an alternative for recreators interested in trail access.
Dogs	Strong support for dogs on leashes to be allowed at the lake (70%) Some commentary on need to enforce responsible pet ownership (cleaning up etc)	Dogs on leashes are already permitted in the Day Use Area.
Site Access	Majority deemed access as sufficient Some commentary around limited boat ramp capacity Some commentary around the need for access to the southern side of lake	Nil required
Opening Hours	Strong support for a change in the opening hours to match seasonal influences (77.5%). Requests for operation post daylight hours for picnics and fishing	Decisions on opening hours will be made at the completion of the recreation review in 2014.
Environment	Vast majority had no opinion	Nil required

Activity	Issue Summary	Seqwater Response
	<p>Some commentary that boats should be stopped from accessing the lake away from boat ramps to protect foreshore areas</p> <p>Limited commentary that bird life should be protected</p>	

Lake Somerset

Key findings:

- Somerset is considered to be an excellent recreation location for motorised boating, camping, and fishing.
- It is considered to be crowded and congested during peak use periods.
- There is a requirement for patrols and policing of behaviour.
- Access to the northern end of the lake strongly desired, as is a change of operating hours.
- Need to consider more camping facility options and shore fishing locations.

Activity	Issue Summary	Seqwater Response
Swimming	<p>Majority satisfied with current facilities</p> <p>Some commentary noting the need to protect swimming areas for powerboat activity</p>	Nil required
Picnicking	<p>Majority satisfied with current facilities</p> <p>Some commentary noting overcrowding of current facilities and requests for additional BBQs</p> <p>Request for facilities at northern end of lake</p> <p>Request for upgrade to toilet facilities</p>	Work has recently been completed at The Spit to expand and improve areas for parking and picnicking. A new playground has also been installed in this area. This will assist in addressing overcrowding providing additional area for day use visitors to enjoy at The Spit.
Playgrounds	<p>Majority satisfied or had no opinion on current facilities</p> <p>Some commentary on the need to define public and holiday park facilities</p> <p>Request for facilities at northern end of lake</p>	The public Day Use Area and boat ramp, previously accessed through Lake Somerset Holiday Park, now has separate access. Visitors no longer need to access these public facilities through the Caravan Park.
Camping	Some desire for additional camping sites, but still a	The camping grounds at Lake Somerset are managed and maintained

Activity	Issue Summary	Seqwater Response
	<p>moderate level of satisfaction with existing facilities</p> <p>Some commentary around overcrowding of current facilities</p> <p>Request for upgrade to toilet facilities</p> <p>Request for more RV parks</p>	<p>by private operators under lease agreements with Seqwater.</p> <p>The current operators have committed to upgrading and improving current facilities at the camp grounds.</p> <p>Feedback to be provided to Caravan Park Operators.</p>
Motorised Watercraft	<p>Support for a SEQ wide boating permit</p> <p>Some commentary around the need for all lake users to pay, not just powerboats</p>	<p>Decisions on boating permit scheme will be made at the completion of the recreation review in 2014.</p>
	<p>Some commentary around the level of congestion in the lake and the need for more skiing and fishing space</p>	<p>The establishment of a northern access point should assist in providing an alternate fishing location</p>
Non-Motorised Watercraft	<p>Majority support for an additional access point for non-motorised watercraft at the northern end of the lake</p> <p>Some commentary that small electric craft should also be able to use this</p> <p>Some commentary around current conflicts between ski boats and kayaks on the lake</p>	<p>Seqwater is investigating a potential northern access point. This area of the lake is known for the submerged hazards so will need to be limited to paddlecraft and/or slow travelling watercraft.</p>
Fishing	<p>Opinion was evenly split in relation to current fishing facilities</p> <p>Some commentary around the need for more locations and access points</p>	<p>The establishment of a northern access point should assist in providing better access</p>
Trails	<p>Moderate support for additional walking trails</p> <p>Request for trails around dam wall and spillway</p> <p>Request for mountain bike trails</p> <p>Request for horse riding trails</p>	<p>No suitable locations could be identified. Much of the land around the lake is subject to leases and is used for grazing. Trails at Wivenhoe may be an alternative for recreators interested in trail access</p>
Dogs	<p>Support for dogs on leashes to be allowed at the lake (56%), but almost a third did not support this (31%) with the remainder being indifferent.</p>	<p>The impact to the wildlife and the potential conflicts with other park users remains a concern for Seqwater, particularly given the visitation in peak periods. There is a strong possibility that appropriate enforcement could become resource intensive and costly.</p>

Activity	Issue Summary	Seqwater Response
	<p>Significant commentary around the need for people to clean up after their dogs</p> <p>Some commentary that the land area is not large enough for people and dogs</p> <p>Strong objection from Somerset Regional Council.</p>	<p>Council is not supportive of the change.</p>
<p>Site Access</p>	<p>Strong support for a northern access point (80.7%)</p> <p>Suggestion for a northern access with toilets, ramp, picnic area, canoe club and shoreline fishing</p> <p>Request to improve the ramp at the Spit</p> <p>Request for canoe launching facility at Kilcoy</p> <p>Request for more boat launching and parking</p> <p>Suggestion to place parking restrictions around boat ramps</p> <p>Request for night access to the northern creeks past Kirkleagh</p>	<p>Seqwater is investigating a potential northern access point. This area of the lake is known for the submerged hazards so will need to be limited to paddlecraft and/or slow travelling watercraft.</p>
<p>Opening Hours</p>	<p>Strong support for a change in the opening hours to match seasonal influences (70%).</p> <p>Request for access from 5am for fishing and post daylight hours for night time fishing</p> <p>Request for post daylight hours access to the spit for BBQs</p>	<p>Decisions on opening hours will be made at the completion of the complete recreation review in 2014.</p>
<p>Environment</p>	<p>Majority did not have an opinion, but around one quarter noted some areas of significance</p> <p>Eastern shoreline near dam, northern end of lake and Stanley Pocket Road to the east noted as significant</p> <p>Commentary around the need to protect koalas, birds, cockatoos, wallabies and sea eagle nesting sites</p> <p>Some commentary that boats should be stopped from accessing the lake away from</p>	<p>Seqwater is committed to protecting environmentally sensitive areas.</p>

Activity	Issue Summary	Seqwater Response
	boat ramps to protect foreshore areas	

Lake Wivenhoe

Key findings:

- Need to consider leaseholders and management of illegal access to properties.
- Clear decision required in relation to powerboat use on Wivenhoe and the merits behind this decision.
- While there is some demand for powerboats to access Wivenhoe for skiing, the majority of participants are more supportive of speed limited motorized watercraft for activities such as fishing and appear to be a safety consideration due to the size of the lake.
- Focus on opening Billies Bay and Hays Landing, additional launch points and change of operating hours.
- More walking trails should be considered.
- Environmental values to be protected.
- Consider impact of dangerous submerged hazards on recreational activity.
- Need to consider additional enforcement

Activity	Issue Summary	Seqwater Response
Swimming	Majority satisfied or indifferent in relation to current facilities	Will consider a possible site at Billies Bay/Hays Landing in consideration of demand to re-open the sites
Picnicking	Majority satisfied with current facilities Some requests for more picnic and toilet facilities	Nil required
Playgrounds	Majority satisfied or indifferent in relation to current facilities	Nil required
Camping	Opinion was evenly split in relation to current camping facilities Some requests for additional facilities such as powered sites and opportunities for RV parking	Feedback to be provided to Caravan Park Operators
Motorised	Support for a SEQ wide boating permit	Decisions on a boating permit scheme will be made at the completion of the

Activity	Issue Summary	Seqwater Response
Watercraft		recreation review in 2014.
	<p>Majority support to allow fuel-powered watercraft on the lake (59%), but over one-third did not support this (38%)</p> <p>Majority of those in support of boats supported the requirement to ensure they were speed restrictions on the lake (for fishing etc)</p> <p>Submerged hazards in lake noted as safety issue</p>	Seqwater has undertaken a risk assessment and determined that restricted fuel powered watercraft can be permitted on Lake Wivenhoe without significant impacts to water quality
Non-Motorised Watercraft	<p>Strong support for additional launch points (74%)</p> <p>Suggestion to separate water users – skiing, kayak, canoe, fishing and sailing</p>	<p>Billies Bay and Hays Landing will be reopened pending the repair of the Hine Road Bridge.</p> <p>Separating the lake into multiple areas was not considered feasible. While solving some potential conflicts it would create access issues.</p>
Fishing	<p>Opinion was evenly split in relation to current fishing facilities with a slight majority believing fishing was insufficient.</p> <p>Request for more shoreline fishing areas</p>	Billies Bay and Hays Landing will be reopened providing an additional launch point and additional shoreline for fishing.
Trails	<p>Majority support for additional walking trails</p> <p>Request for a mountain bike trail at Logan's Inlet</p> <p>Request for horse riding trails</p> <p>Suggestion for indigenous trails and interpretive information at Logan's Inlet</p>	<p>Multi use trail at Wivenhoe Hill will be established, linking to Logan's Inlet. This will provide 5km of trails with water views.</p>
Dogs	<p>Some support for dogs on leashes to be allowed at the lake (49.5% supportive, but 36% not supportive).</p> <p>Commentary on this issue is focused around the presence of irresponsible dog owners who threaten wildlife and don't clean up after the dog.</p> <p>Strong objection from Somerset Regional Council.</p>	<p>The impact to the wildlife and the potential conflicts with other park users remains a concern for Seqwater, particularly given the visitation in peak periods. There is a strong possibility that appropriate enforcement could become resource intensive and costly. Council is not supportive of the change.</p>
Site Access	Strong support to re-open Billies Bay and Hays Landing	Billies Bay and Hays Landing will be reopened pending the repair of the

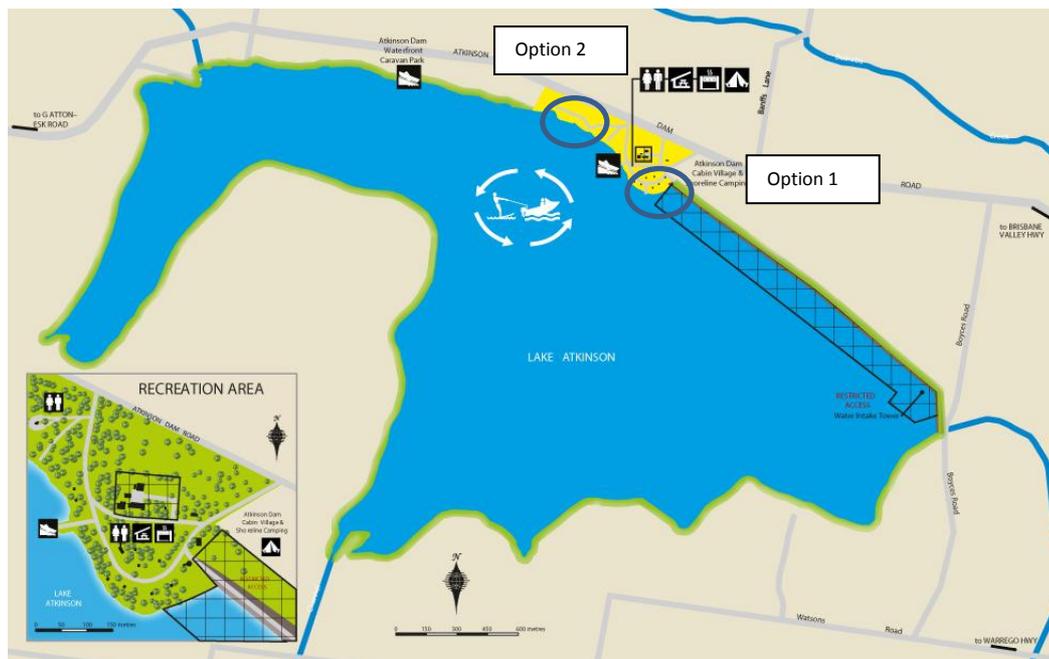
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	<p>to public access (88%)</p> <p>Most were against closing Branch Creek</p> <p>Suggestion of formal access points away from leased land and provision of alternative banking points</p>	<p>Hine Road Bridge.</p> <p>Branch Creek will remain open.</p> <p>Designated rest points/stop off points around the lake are being investigated.</p>
Opening Hours	<p>Strong support for a change in the opening hours to match seasonal influences (76%)</p> <p>Request for access first light until one hour after sundown</p>	<p>Decisions on opening hours will be made at the completion of the complete recreation review in 2014.</p>
	<p>Majority supported opening the Wivenhoe Information Centre on Saturdays and Sundays</p>	<p>Seqwater has already implemented a change to the opening hours</p>
Environment	<p>Some respondents agreed there were environmentally significant areas that should be protected, however the majority were indifferent.</p> <p>Some commentary around the need to ban fuel-powered motorcraft to protect the environment</p> <p>Some areas or wildlife frequently noted for protection were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pelican Island • All birdlife and wildlife • Platypus Cliffs • Bushland adjoining Cormorant Bay (Koala population) • Logan Complex areas <p>Suggestion that no jet skis or skiing will protect the environment, particularly in relation to bank erosion</p>	<p>Seqwater is committed to protecting environmentally sensitive areas.</p>

Recreation Review Outcomes

Based on the feedback received, priorities for changes to recreational activities and access have been identified at each lake as follows:

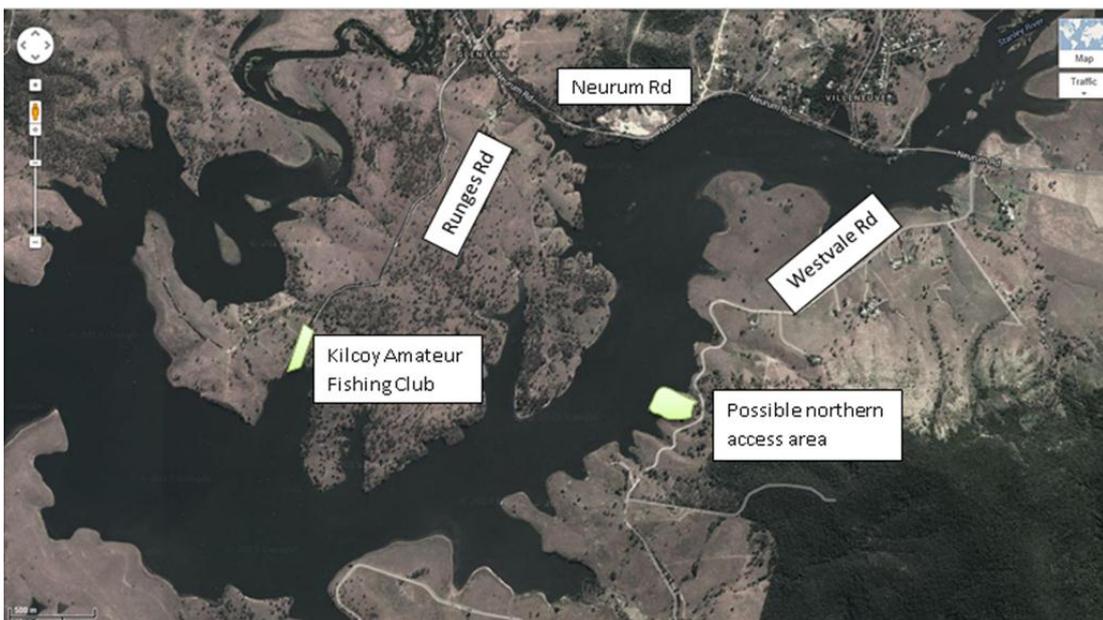
Lake Atkinson

Outcome	Action
<p>Establish a designated swimming area</p>	<p>Two potential locations have been identified and are being assessed for suitability. Consultation with the Caravan Park operator is required before it is finalised.</p>
<p><i>It is anticipated that this will be implemented by February 2014.</i></p>	



Lake Somerset

Outcome	Action
<p>Establish northern access point(s)</p> <p><i>Planning and scoping of works will be progressed as a priority. The timing of works and the funding required are currently being worked through with Somerset Regional Council.</i></p>	<p>A potential site off Westvale Road has been identified.</p> <p>An additional paddle craft access point off Neurum Road has also been identified.</p> <p>Gazette a 6 knot speed limit for the northern section of the lake through Maritime Safety Queensland.</p>



Outcome	Action
<p>Establish designated areas as “rest” points around the lake (access via water only)</p> <p><i>Sites are yet to be identified. Further consultation and consideration of options needs to be undertaken prior to implementation.</i></p>	<p>Potential sites are currently being investigated</p>

Lake Wivenhoe

Outcome	Action
<p>Reopen Billies Bay/Hays Landing</p> <p><i>Planning and scoping of works will be progressed as a priority. The timing of works and the funding required are currently being worked through with Somerset Regional Council.</i></p>	<p>Repair/Upgrade Hines Road bridges to allow safe public access</p> <p>Repair internal access roads, clean and repair facilities/amenities, and undertake grounds maintenance to ensure site is suitable for public access</p>

Outcome	Action
<p>Establish a designated swimming area</p> <p><i>This will be delivered as part of the re-opening of Billies Bay/Hays Landing.</i></p>	<p>Establish a designated swimming area at Billies Bay/Hays Landing</p>

Outcome	Action
<p>Establish multi use trails</p> <p><i>The timing of works and the funding required are currently being worked through with Somerset Regional Council.</i></p>	<p>Wivenhoe Hill has been identified as a suitable location to establish trails</p>

Outcome	Action
<p>Permit restricted fuel powered engines on Lake Wivenhoe</p> <p><i>This change will be effective from Saturday 14 December 2013.</i></p>	<p>Introduce a maximum speed of 6 knots for the lake, with a low emission engine policy</p> <p>Prepare brochures explaining new access arrangements and conditions</p> <p>Resource enforcement of restrictions</p>

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Outcome	Action
<p>Areas of environmental significance requiring greater protection</p> <p><i>Sites are yet to be identified. Further consultation and consideration of options needs to be undertaken prior to implementation.</i></p>	<p>Potential sites are being investigated</p>

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