



Seqwater Draft Recreation Strategy

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Acknowledge Traditional Owners

- On behalf of Seqwater, I would respectfully like to acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which this event is taking place

An overview of Seqwater

- Queensland Bulk Water Supply Authority, trading as Seqwater
- Began operation on 1 July 2008 as the water service provider for the South East Queensland (SEQ) region
- Manages approximately \$2 billion in water supply, water storages and treatment assets.
- Mission – innovative and efficient management of both natural and built catchments, water storages and treatment services to ensure the quantity and quality of our water supplies.



Need for recreation strategy

Our water storages collectively provide a recreational landscape of regional significance

- 24 major water storages (lakes resulting from the construction of dams) are under Seqwater control
- Seqwater lakes represent the majority of sites in SEQ for recreation in/on freshwater

- Lake Wivenhoe – approx 33,750 hectares of land acquired for construction
- Lake Somerset – approx 4,200 hectares of water surface when full
- Lake Samsonvale – approx 2,200 hectares of water surface when full

One football field is approx four-fifths of a hectare:

Wivenhoe + Somerset + Samsonvale = an area of approx 50,000 football fields



A misty morning at Baroon Pocket, near Maleny

Need for recreation strategy (cont)

- Water and catchment assets were transferred to Seqwater from 14 different entities:
 - Aquagen, Beaudesert Shire Council, Brisbane City Council, Caboolture Shire Council, Caloundra City Council, Esk Shire Council, Gold Coast City Council, Kilcoy Shire Council, Maroochy Shire Council, Noosa Shire Council, Redland City Council, Pine Rivers Shire Council, SEQWater, and SunWater.
 - These entities managed recreation at the sites that were under their control in various ways, ranging from providing little recreation infrastructure to using the sites as an integral part of the regional open space and recreation network.

Seqwater storages

- Atkinson
- Baroon Pocket
- Bill Gunn
- Borumba
- Cedar Pocket
- Clarendon
- Cooloolabin
- Enoggera
- Ewen
- Maddock
- Gold Creek
- Hinze
(Advancetown)
- Kurwongbah
(Sideling Creek)
- Leslie Harrison
(Tingalpa Creek)
- Little Nerang
- Macdonald (Six
Mile Creek)
- Manchester
- Maroon
- Moogerah
- Nindooinbah
- Poona
- Samsonvale
(North Pine)
- Somerset
- Wappa
- Wivenhoe

Recreation Activities & Seqwater

We permit many forms of recreation across all of our sites. At present, different rules/permits may be required for different sites.

- Land-based: picnicking, trail walking, camping, mountain biking, horse riding
- Water-based: fishing, swimming, paddle craft, sail boats, electric boats, fuel-powered boats, water skiing, jet skiing



Lake Maroon

Activities Matrix

| | Storage | Picnicking | Walking/ Nature | Mountain Biking | Horse riding | Off Road Vehicle | Camping | Fuel Powered boating | Water skiing | Electric Powered boating | Paddle Craft | Fishing # | Swimming |
|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------|----------|
| North | Cedar Pocket | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | No |
| | Lake Macdonald | Yes | Yes | No | Yes | No | No | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes *7 |
| | Borumba | Yes | Yes | No | No | No | Yes*2 | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No |
| | Cooloolabin | Yes | Yes | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | Yes | No |
| | Wappa | Yes | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | No |
| | Poona | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | No |
| | Baroon Pocket | Yes | Yes | No | No | No | No | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes *7 |
| Ewen Maddock | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | Yes *2 | No | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes *7 | |
| Central | Somerset | Yes | Yes | No | No | No | Yes *2 | Yes *6 *1 | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes *7 |
| | Wivenhoe | Yes | Yes | No | No | No | Yes *2 | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| | Lake Kurwongbah | Yes | Yes | No | No | No | No | Yes *4 | Yes *4 | No | Yes *1*4 | Yes | No |
| | North Pine | Yes | Yes | No | No | No | No | No | No | Yes *5 | Yes *4 | Yes | No |
| | Atkinson | Yes | Yes | No | No | No | Yes *2 | Yes *3 *6 | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No |
| | Clarendon | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | No |
| | Bill Gunn | Yes | Yes | No | No | No | Yes *2 | Yes *3 *6 | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No |
| | Enoggera | No | Yes | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | No |
| | Gold Creek | No | Yes | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | No |
| | Lake | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | Yes *1 | No | No | No | No | No | No |
| Leslie Harrison | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | |
| South | Maroon | Yes | Yes | No | No | No | Yes *2 | Yes *6 | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No |
| | Moogerah | Yes | Yes | No | No | No | Yes *2 | Yes *6 | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No |
| | Hinze | Yes | Yes | Yes *1 | Yes *1 | No | No | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | No |
| | Little Nerang | Yes | Yes | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | No |
| | Nindooinbah | No | Yes | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | Yes *1 | No | No |
| | Conditions | *1 With permit | *2 Commercial site | *3 Limit on numbers | *4 As a member of a club | *5 Boating access scheme | *6 includes jetskis | *7 Designated Swimming Area | | | | # All fishing requires a permit | |

Consultation

- Government departments (DERM, EPA, Parks and Wildlife; Local Government, Sport and Rec; Infrastructure and Planning; Primary Industries and Fisheries; Qld Water Commission)
- State organisations (QORF, Freshwater Fishing and Stocking Assoc, Trail Running Assoc Qld, Qld Canoeing, Rowing Qld, Waterski Qld)
- Dam users – from scouts to caravan parks, education centres to dragon boat clubs, equestrian to fishing clubs
 - Local authorities



Lake Somerset

Objective

To manage access to recreation opportunities while protecting natural resources and water quality

Achieving our objective

Key principles:

1. Minimise risks to water quality
2. Ensure environmental sustainability
3. Diversity in the range of outdoor recreation activities, locations and settings
4. Ensure all use is consistent with Seqwater's asset and land management practices
5. Facilitating sustainable recreation
6. Engage with external regulating agencies
7. Meet financial management outcomes

Recreation Strategy

The Strategy is not intended to provide a list of changes to permitted activities

Robust decision making framework with a regional focus

Recreation Management Framework

Effective recreation management requires a framework to guide decision making and policy development.

Key Elements:

- Participation in recreation planning in SEQ and the recognition of Seqwater's contribution to the provision of recreation opportunities
- Collaborative planning and partnerships– recognition of the importance of key stakeholders
- Planning and provision of facilities at a regional level and local level
- Assessment of recreational opportunities through a robust decision making criteria



Facilities at Little Nerang Dam, Gold Coast

Assessment of Recreational Opportunities and Changes

Decision making criteria is proposed to include the Recreation Setting Classification System

| Natural | | Very Natural | | Somewhat Natural | | Not Natural | | | | | |
|---|---|--|---|--|---|---|---|---|--|--|--|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | | | |
| Wild and remote, places with few visitors and no facilities. Expect solitude. | | May have rough trails, remote camping and walking. | | Usually accessible by vehicle. Tracks are main facility. Expect to see other visitors. | | Popular recreation sites. Basic visitor facilities such as formed tracks and picnic facilities. | | Includes park picnic areas and developed campgrounds. | | Highly modified setting rarely found in parks. | |
| Predominately Natural | | | | | | Not Natural | | | | | |

Recreation Setting Classification System

The SEQ Recreation Outdoor Demand Study identified the demand for a range of settings to accommodate each individual's needs.

A variety of recreational settings would make a range of experiences available to the public – from very natural areas (rating 3 to 4) to somewhat natural areas (rating up to 7)



Nindooinbah, Beaudesert

Change management process

Any changes to existing facilities or activities that may result from the implementation of the Seqwater recreation strategy are proposed to be implemented over a period of time with appropriate consultation with stakeholders.



Lake Macdonald, near Cooroy

Draft Recreation Strategy

- Ministerial approval is required before the public document can be released
- Public document release – very soon !!!
- Public comment period will be open for a month

Having your say ...

- Opinions and comments will be invited

1. by email:

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2. by mail:

Recreation Strategy Feedback

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Recreation Strategy – future

- All comments received will be summarised and reviewed by Seqwater.
- Draft report will be finalised and submitted, with the summary of comments, to the Seqwater Board for consideration and approval.



The End ... Or ... The Beginning ...

Questions?

