

Lake Eildon Houseboat Industry Association
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Dear Ms Papantoniou,

General Information to the Lake Eildon Houseboat Industry.

New houseboat regulations the *Water (Lake Eildon Recreation Area)(Houseboat) Regulations 2013*, were introduced in June 2013. Since that time Goulburn-Murray Water (GMW) has been receiving a number of enquiries in relation to boat renovations and the fitment of a grey water treatment system (GWTS). GMW thought it timely to send this letter to the industry as a reminder of what is required under the 2013 Houseboat Regulations and GMW policies. This information will also be made available to individual boat owners on the GMW web site.

The following are works on vessels that require plans to be submitted and approved by GMW before works commence;

- Alterations to the blackwater (effluent) system including new tanks.
- Alterations to the grey water collection or treatment system
- Structural alterations that will change the category of a vessel.

Fitting of a grey water treatment system is required;

- For any new houseboat being constructed
- For houseboat licence transfers to be approved by GMW after 1 July 2015
- For all houseboats by 1 July 2020
- If an upper level of the vessel is enclosed resulting in a change of category
- If pontoons, cabin or deck length or width is increased resulting in a change of category
- If appendages are added* that do not fold or retract within current category dimensions

Note: Existing vessels that have been moved up a category due to appendages that wish to increase the physical size of the vessel will be required to fit a GWTS.

A copy of the current houseboat categories and dimensions is attached and this information can also be obtained from the Eildon office or the GMW website www.gmwater.com.au/houseboats

GMW is seeking the support of the houseboat industry to maintain compliance with the regulations and GMW policies. Non compliance with regulations can result in penalties for boat owners or result in the cancellation of a houseboat licence.

A copy of the *Water (Lake Eildon Recreation Area)(Houseboat) Regulations 2013* and the GMW houseboat licence agreement is attached for your information.

Please feel free to contact Laurinda Bellman at our Eildon office on 5774 3932 if you require further advice regarding GMW requirements for houseboats.

Yours sincerely

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Jeff Harrison
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