

## ESL review – submission to draft report

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Regarding costs for marine rescue services being recommended to be met from increased boat fees, I do not agree or support this approach. I am a recreational boater, and am already expected to assist with marine rescue when out at sea as part of the law of the sea, and also as a community responsibility. This private effort most often comes at our cost, as it is difficult to recover fuel and other costs from anyone who is rescued, and often private boats are used for emergencies where no one is rescued (eg. false alarms). The WA marine rescue plan was completed in 2016, last year, and this plan covers the resourcing of marine emergency incidents. I hope you don't mind my saying this, but it appears that the ERA knows very little about marine emergencies and the operation of boats at sea.