

ESL review – submission to draft report

Thomas, Mr Matt

I would like to lodge my opposition to the proposed boat registration levy to fund the VMA. The government has already increased rego fees for vessels in the past 2 years. Mine went from \$420 to \$535 . 20% increase. Not really inline with inflation is it. My boat sails in the river. It is highly unlikely I will ever need to be rescued by the VMA in Mosman bay. What about people in canoes on the ocean near Hillarys ? Will the VMA still go & rescue them if they are not in a registered vessel? This proposal is a very transparent attempt to milk more money from any person who owns a boat. So if you go ahead with this are you going to provide sea rescue services to boats on lake Argyle? Quite obvious to me that your department hasn't really thought any of this through very well with detail as shown by the questions & comments I have made above. Perhaps you can explain to the boat owners of WA why it costs more to register a 7m yacht than it does a motor vehicle.