

## 5.4 LAKES STRUCTURE POLICY (UNDER REVIEW)

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### 5.4.1 Public Lake Structure Classification (Under Review)

### 5.4.2 Maintenance And Construction Considerations (Under Review)

### 5.4.3 New Lake Structure Development Criteria (Under Review)

### 5.4.4 Private Lake Structures On Council Reserves (Under Review)

### 5.4.5 Fees And Charges (Under Review)

### 5.4.6 Jetties And Boatramps

#### Policy Purpose:

To provide, where desirable, boatramps and public jetties.

To ensure continued boat launching access to all lakes within the Rotorua District.

#### Policy:

##### Public Boatramps - Classification

That the following boat launching ramp classification system be adopted:

- Class I - Ramp capable of launching all craft using that waterway.
- Class II - Secondary ramp capable of launching all medium sized craft using that waterway.
- Class III - Basic launching facility for small, light craft.

All Class I and II ramps shall be provided with an adjacent jetty unless the predominant activity on that lake makes the provision of a jetty too dangerous for lake users.

All Class I and II ramps and all Council owned and maintained jetties shall be kept clear of lakeweed and/or sand, silt accumulations that directly affect their operational capabilities.

All Class I and II ramps and all Council owned and maintained jetties shall be kept in a safe and hygienic condition.

The following boat launching ramps as classified below will be provided for public use free of charge:

Class I	Motutara Point East (Lake Rotorua), Kariri Point (Lake Tarawera), Otaramarae (Lake Rotoiti), Matahi Spit (Lake Rotoma).
Class II	Motutara Point West, Hannahs Bay Reserve, Hamurana Opposite Store, Hamurana Opposite Springs, City Lakefront Reserve 1 and 2, Reeme Street (Lake Rotorua); Landing Reserve, Stoney Point Reserve (Lake Tarawera); Delta, Gisborne Point, Hinehopu (Lake Rotoiti); Merge Lodge Reserve (Lake Rotoma); Kennedy Bay (Lake Rotoiti); Okataina Lodge (Lake Okataina); Blue Lake Water Ski Club (Lake Tikitapu); Acacia Road (Lake Okareka); Whirinaki Valley Road Reserve, Puati I(Lake Ohakuri); Lake Okaro; Guy Rowe Reserve (Lake Rerewhakaaitu); Mihi Bridge, Tutukau Bridge, Vaile Road Reserve (Waikato River).
Class III	Beaumonts Road (Lake Rotorua), Bay Road (Lake Tarawera), Otautu Bay (Lake Rotoehu), Lake Ngapouri.

### **Priority Ranking Criteria for New Boatramp and Jetty Establishment**

That the criteria to ascertain the priority ranking for new boatramp and jetty establishment shall be:

- i) The demand on existing or for new structures.
- ii) The situation in relation to problems with existing structures or at proposed locations.
- iii) The classification of boatramp and jetties. Jetties receiving the same classification as adjacent boatramp where applicable.

### **Inspections**

That a programme of six monthly inspections of reserve land be implemented to prevent the private appropriation of such land.

### **PRIVATE FORESHORE STRUCTURES ON COUNCIL RESERVES**

#### **i) Jetties, Boat Ramps and Boat Sheds on Reserves**

That any new applications for private boat ramps, boat launching rails, boat sheds or other private structures constructed on Council reserve for the purpose of launching boats across reserves be declined.

That Council's Parks and Recreation Division shall make comment as an affected party on resource consent applications for jetty structures from Council reserves.

That consent as an affected party to the resource consent application is to be considered (and may be declined) on the basis of the anticipated effects of the jetty on the reserve in terms of the criteria stated below.

That where resource consent is granted to a jetty structure attached to Council reserve, conditions may be placed on access across the reserve in accordance with existing Policy 5.3.4 Private Access to Reserve Land (08/02). Conditions are also to be used where appropriate to mitigate other anticipated effects on the reserve.

No further boat sheds shall be permitted on Council reserves. All existing boat sheds on Council reserve are there at Council's pleasure.

ii) Criteria for Assessment of Applications for Jetties from Council Reserve

Conservation Values.

- a) Will construction and use of the jetty require removal of vegetation from the reserve?
- b) Is the vegetation significant?
- c) Would the removal be detrimental to the conservation values, natural character and appearance of the reserve?
- d) Would proposed removal of vegetation affect wildlife habitat?
- e) Is there any evidence that the reserve is significant in this respect (may need to get independent advice).
- f) Will any modification of wetlands or additional structures be required to allow access to the jetty'?
- g) What effects will access to the proposed jetty have on water movement or wetland vegetation within the reserve?

Access to, along and across reserves.

- a) Will the jetty enhance public access to and from the reserve in a location that is not already serviced with public or private jetties?
- b) Will the location of the jetty interfere with an established walkway?
- c) Is the jetty to be placed across a beach in a way that restricts or interferes with access along the reserve?
- d) Can this be altered by changing the design or location?

Public Recreational use of the reserve.

- a) Is the location, design or continued use of the jetty likely to prevent or interfere with other recreational use of the reserve? To what extent?
- b) Is the continued use of the jetty likely to prevent or interfere with other recreational use of the reserve? To what extent?
- c) Can this be altered by changing the design or location of the jetty, or by works on the reserve to mitigate the effects of the jetty and its use on the public perception and use of the reserve?
- d) Will the design, location, ownership and management of the jetty provide for its shared use and mitigation of cumulative effects on the reserve?
- e) Is the applicant's property located in close physical proximity to the reserve and the proposed jetty?
- f) How visible will the jetty structure be from the reserve?
- g) What is the likely visual impact of the structure when viewed from the reserve in terms of
  - Height
  - Colour
  - Length
  - Design

## 5.4.7 Boat Launching Facilities

### Policy:

- a) To provide free of charge an appropriate range of publicly accessible boat launching facilities for launching and retrieval of watercraft.
- b) To implement the following boat launching facilities criteria:

ANCILLARY FACILITY	CLASSIFICATION I	CLASSIFICATION II	CLASSIFICATION III
1. BOAT RAMP LOCATION	R	R	
2. BOAT RAMP LIGHTING	R	D	
3. TOILET BLOCK	R	D	D
4. LITTER REMOVAL	R	D	
5. JETTY	R	R'	D
6. LARGE CARPARK	R		
MEDIUM CARPARK		R	
SMALL CARPARK			R
7. SEALED ACCESS ROAD	R	D	
METAL ACCESS ROAD		R	D
NATURAL ACCESS ROAD		D	R
8. HARD SURFACE BOAT RAMP	R	D	D
MEDIUM SURFACE BOAT RAMP		R	D
SOFT SURFACE BOAT RAMP			R

\* - exempted ancillary facility where there is an adjacent ski lane

D - discretionary ancillary facility

R - required ancillary facility

- c) All large carparks shall provide designated parking for a minimum of 20 vehicles and their boat trailers.
- d) All medium carparks shall provide designated parking for a minimum of 10 vehicles and their boat trailers.
- e) All small carparks shall provide parking for a minimum of 5 vehicles and their boat trailers.
- f) All hard surface boat ramps shall be constructed of timber lined with anti slip mesh, or constructed of concrete and capable of launching all watercraft.
- g) All medium surface boat ramps shall be constructed of packed metal or timber lined with anti slip mesh and capable of launching all medium-sized watercraft up to a maximum length of 5.5 metres.
- h) All soft surface boat ramps shall be constructed of pumice, metal or natural material and capable of basic launching for small light craft up to a maximum length of 4 metres.
- i) All boat ramps located at class I and II boat launching facilities shall require a jetty unless the major activity on that lake makes the provision of a jetty too dangerous for lake-users, in which case the jetty will be exempted.
- j) All double boat ramps shall be provided with two jetties; one on either side of the boat ramp where practicable.
- k) All classes of boat ramps shall have the following:
  1. Markers located at the corner edges of the boat ramp nearest land to identify the front of the ramp as well as the width of the ramp.
  2. Ramp gradient between the ranges of I in 8 and I in 12.
  3. Width shall be 4 metres for a single ramp, 8 metres for a double ramp, and 12 metres for a triple ramp.

- l) Where lakeweed, silt accumulations or other debris affects the safe operational capability of boat ramps or jetties located at all boat launching facilities, the following response times to return the boat ramp or jetty to operational capability shall apply:
  - Classification I Cleared within 24 hours of complaint to Council
  - Classification II: Cleared within 48 hours of complaint to Council
  - Classification III: Cleared within 1 week of complaint to Council
- m) All Council owned and maintained boat ramps and jetties shall be kept in a safe and hygienic condition.
- n) All jetties shall have the following:
  1. Reflective identification numbering attached to the end of each jetty.
  2. Bollards or tying hooks to permit boats to tie onto jetties.
  3. Cushioning for the protection of water craft that tie up to jetties.
- o) All boat ramps operational capabilities will meet the specified boat launching facility classification system under normal water and weather conditions.
- p) All current and future boat launching facilities shall be built and classified according to the boat launching facilities criteria.
- q) New boat launching facilities will be considered for building by council when the following criteria have been met:
  1. Proven demand.
  2. Availability of suitable location on Council owned land
- r) All boat launching facilities shall be provided with signage that provides lake user, regulatory, safety and other information as required.

**Proposed Class I Boat Launching Facilities**

Motutara Point, Hannahs Bay (Lake Rotorua), Boatshed Bay (Lake Tarawera), Otaramarae Reserve (Lake Rotoiti).

**Proposed Class II Boat Launching Facilities**

Lakefront Reserve, Reeme Street Reserve, Hamurana Springs Rd, Hamurana Fryer Road (Lake Rotorua), Merge Lodge Reserve, Matahi Spit Reserve (Lake Rotoma), Rotoiti Delta Grounds, Hinehopu Reserve (Lake Rotoiti), Stoney Point (Lake Tarawera), Guy Roe Reserve (Lake Rerewhakaaitu), Lake Okataina Reserve (Lake Okataina), Acacia Road Lakefront Reserve (Lake Okareka), Blue Lake Reserve (Lake Tikitapu), Ohakuri Road Reserve (Lake Ohakuri), Lake Okaro Reserve (Lake Okaro).

**Proposed Class III Boat Launching Facilities**

Ngongotaha Beaumont Road (Lake Rotorua), The Landing (Lake Tarawera), Gisborne Point, Wharetoroa West (Lake Rotoiti), Whirinaki Road Reserve (Lake Ohakuri), Rerewhakaaitu Domain (Lake Rerewhakaaitu), Kennedy Bay Esplanade Reserve, Otautu Bay Reserve (Lake Rotoehu), Mihi Bridge, Vaille Road, Tutukau Road Reserve (Waikato River).

**Future Class I Boat Launching Facilities**

Stoney Point (Lake Tarawera), Rotoiti Delta Grounds, Hinehopu Reserve (Lake Rotoiti), Matahi Spit Reserve, Merge Lodge (Lake Rotoma), Acacia Road Lakefront Reserve (Lake Okareka), Guy Roe Reserve (Lake Rerewhakaaitu).

**Future Class II Boat Launching Facilities**

Kennedy Bay Esplanade Reserve, Otautu Bay Reserve (Lake Rotoehu), Vaille Road (Waikato River).