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1. Recreation Review - Consultation Report

1.1. Executive Summary

The following report outlines the consultation process that Seqwater underwent regarding the review of recreation activities for Lake Baroon and Ewen Maddock Dam.

The community consultation period for this group of lakes was from 18 September to 13 November 2013.

This summary report provides an overview of the detailed consultation data provided to Seqwater to identify the key themes and a final table or summary of the issues identified and the Seqwater response to those issues.

1.2. Consultation Methodology

The consultation methods used within the Recreation Review are designed to meet Seqwater’s objective to ensure all views, concerns and ideas of the community are both heard and captured.

Consultation methods are generally qualitative or quantitative and used together are complementary. To maximise exposure and participation in the Recreation Review a combination of these methods have been chosen whilst working within a limited budget.

The following opportunities were devised and implemented to allow people to present their views in person and or for people to participate from remote locations:

- **Information Sessions**: These were devised to provide information to the community. They enabled people to provide views and ask questions around the recreation review
- **Survey**: Both qualitative and quantitative data was collected around each of the recreation points of discussion within the discussion papers
- **Workshop**: Providing the opportunity for discussion, the workshops captured quantitative data.

Whilst information sessions will enable the more humble person to express their views the open workshops provided the opportunity for the large variety of views to be evident in one room. The survey provides the opportunity for everyone to have their say.
2. Stakeholder Engagement

A list of existing stakeholders was developed for the engagement activities required for the Review, with varying levels of involvement required.

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3. Details of Initial Promotional Activities

Seqwater promoted the review within the broader community and with key stakeholders in the following ways:

- Advertising in local and broader papers
- Seqwater website
- Consultation focused website (www.yourseqwater.com.au)
- Meetings with Local Councillors, State Representatives and Federal Members
- Media launch with Minister for Energy and Water Supply
- Posters advertising the review at local campsites, libraries, schools and community information boards
- Letters to Seqwater stakeholders and government departments
- Seqwater rangers placed the poster in all recreation review sites where a notice board or similar was available.

3.1. Departmental Notification

Letters were sent to a number of government departments to notify them of the Recreation Review, the process and requesting their assistance and participation. The full list of departments is identified in Appendix A.

Department Representatives, State Elected Representatives and Local Elected Representatives were all provided with information to send out to their contact databases and to include in their newsletters to raise awareness of the review.

3.2. Meetings Held with Elected Representatives

The following elected representatives in the area for this cluster were consulted:

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3.3. Social Media

Seqwater has promoted the consultation activities through their own social media sites as well as encouraging those involved such as Sunshine Coast Council to post information on their own sites.

Some examples of the Facebook posts on the Seqwater page have been included in Appendix E.

3.4. Advertising

Advertising was placed in the following publications. An example of the advertisement can be viewed in Appendix B.

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A poster was also developed for advertising the review in the local area and can be viewed in Appendix C.

3.5. Media Releases

The following media releases were issued by the Minister’s Office and can be read in detail in Appendix D:

- **All lakes:**
  - Minister launches Seqwater's Recreation Review 26-Mar-13
  - Have your say on recreation plans for dams 20-Jun-13

- **Lake Baroon and Ewen Maddock Dam:**
  - Sunshine Coast dams under the spotlight 12-Sep-13
  - Sunshine Coast recreation review begins 18-Sep-13
  - Ideas flow for Sunshine Coast dams 06-Nov-13
3.6. Information Sessions

Information sessions were advertised and held in the local area to raise awareness of the review and provide people with additional information on the review. These were held in central locations with the aim of reaching passing traffic as well as being available to answer questions for those who were aware of the recreation review.
4. Consultation Participation

Survey response
The table below identifies the number of surveys completed for each lake.

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Information Session
The table below identifies the attendance details for each of the three information sessions held for this lake cluster.

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Workshops
The table below identifies the attendance details for each workshop held for this lake cluster.

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**Discussion Workshop (1)** was aimed to identify the activities that work, what could be improved and opportunities for the future use of the lakes.

**Feedback Workshop (2)** was aimed at providing feedback on the key themes from the survey results to date and the discussion workshop and to further develop options presented by the community.

Individual Submissions
A number of individual submissions were made directly to Seqwater during the consultation period.

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5. Consultation Outcomes

The following section provides an outline of the key themes identified in the workshops, the survey results and personal submissions to the review. As the themes may differ between the types of consultation, this section shows the breakdown between each method.

A key theme is defined as a common discussion point or central discussion amongst the majority of those participating. There were many ideas identified by individual members of the public as being opportunities for recreation activities and these were captured and detailed in the outcomes reports for each workshop and provided to Seqwater for discussion.

5.1. Discussion Workshop

The key themes identified through the discussion workshop were:

**General**
- The existing picnic facilities and playgrounds are of a good standard and require little change.
- There was support for change in the opening hours to reflect the seasonal daylight hours.
- There was general support for a boating fee (already existing on Lakes Somerset and Wivenhoe), and there was some discussion that all users should pay for facilities.

**Lake Baroon**
- Camping would be nice to have.
- Motorised craft should not be allowed other than for rescue.
- No boating fees should be introduced.
- Non-motorised watercraft activities are great. There were requests for the closed ‘dead wood areas’ or creek arms to be opened up to paddlecraft. There were some requests for electric motors to be allowed.
- Would like to see more fish stocking in the lake.
- Requests for additional walking and mountain bike trails around the lake. Discussion was had on how this could be done due to the steep inclines and dense bushland.
- Robust discussion around the ability to have dogs in the area. Divided between those for and against.
- Requests for designated turning area for boats at the Maleny side of the lake.
- Discussion on the need to make the lake more viewable – possible viewing opportunities from the road and other properties which may be owned by Seqwater.

**Ewen Maddock Dam**
- Some people felt the lack of camping worked well, while others would like to see the school camp area opened up to further opportunities for camping from the public.
- There was disagreement over motorised watercraft with some wanting to see it for selected events and or rescue operations for school groups, while others completely disagreed with it.
- Participants felt that paddlecraft access could be improved by removing the metal railings, allowing people access to the ramp near the treatment plant, and closer access to the lake (too far from the car park).
People felt the lack of motor bikes worked well as did the opportunity for horse riders. Others would like to see a trail around the dam, an upgrade to the maps of the area, and improved mountain bike trails.

- Participants wanted to see enforcement of dog on leash rules. They also requested a leash free area and a dog and horse drinking and bathing area.
- Access at the rear of the dam was raised as was the need for additional signage on Steve Irwin way.
- Education and awareness of the impacts of Cabomba was raised as an issue.
- Some participants discussed the closure of the dam wall area and the lack of awareness of the operational need to do this.

5.2. Feedback Workshop

Feedback was provided to the participants on:

- Possibility of opening upper reaches of Lake Baroon to paddlecraft.
- Possible opportunities for additional trails at Lake Baroon – no ability to do loop trail.
- Opportunities for scenic lookout at Lake Baroon.
- Access points at Ewen Maddock.
- Improvement of existing paddlecraft access point at Ewen Maddock.
- Opportunities for camping at Ewen Maddock.
- Not able to provide a loop trail at Ewen Maddock due to swampy ground. Construction of boardwalk and bridges would be cost prohibitive.
- Not able to re-open public access to the dam wall area due to the operational infrastructure.
- Consideration for a wash down area.

Participants were asked to explore a number of topics further to provide additional feedback to Seqwater. The outcomes of these discussions are provided below.

Discussion topic: Lake Baroon

- Funding required for scenic view points or opportunity for commercial proposals
- Inability to undertake a full loop trail due to topography, cultural heritage issues, limited land ownership and ground conditions. Discussion around the possible expansion of Martin Williams Walk.
- Group was pleased to hear of opening upper reaches of Lake Baroon to paddlecraft.

Discussion topic: Ewen Maddock Dam

- Directional signage required on trails.
- Discussion around prohibiting domestic animals and horses in the lake for water quality reasons.
- Access to the lake for paddlecraft was discussed in detail as to:
  - Changes that may be required to existing access.
  - Other access points that are not affected by aquatic weeds, particularly Cabomba
  - Costs involved in provision of another access point – including a turn around area for vehicles etc.
Cluster Four: Lake Baroon and Ewen Maddock Dam

- Upgrades to the trails were discussed and the group agreed they were better now than ever but still needed some work.
- Improvements to Maddock Park may include removing some wheel stops and installing a tap for people to wash their feet.

Other
Common themes discussed during this workshop included:

- Primary purpose of both lakes is to provide drinking water source.
- Importance of water quality, for recreation and for water treatment process.
- Lake closures due to water quality issues.
- Cost recovery from users, where appropriate to do so.

5.3. Survey Results

Respondents to each survey were asked what activities they participated in when they visited the lakes.

Picnicking was the most common activity at Lake Baroon, whilst trails were the most popular for Ewen Maddock Dam. Non-motorised watercraft were popular for both areas.

General
- Feedback on both surveys indicated that the picnic, playgrounds and swimming facilities at these two lakes were either satisfactory or people were indifferent to these activities.
- Support for change in the opening hours to reflect the seasonal daylight hours.
- In both surveys, there was general disagreement for the introduction of a boating fee with most believing non-motorised craft needed little infrastructure or that fees should only apply to motorised boats.

Lake Baroon
- There was strong disagreement (nearly 80%) on the introduction of motorised watercraft.
- Fishing is deemed to be sufficient.
- Nearly 70% of people were happy with the trails.
- The community were divided over enabling dogs to be on leash at the lake. Most reasoning provided was around the environment, those who let them off the leash and those who don’t clean up the mess.
- Whilst the majority believed access to be sufficient, there was a small group who believe it could be improved.
- There was a strong awareness of the environmental significance in the area.

Ewen Maddock Dam
- The majority of people would like to see camping made available at Ewen Maddock. From the commentary, most were not aware of the existing availability.
- Whilst only 34% of people felt fishing was sufficient, half of the participants were indifferent and therefore showed little interest in fishing at this lake.
- Over half of participants found the trails to be sufficient.
- The majority of people believe dogs should continue to be allowed access whilst on leash.
The community were divided over the access to the lake between it being sufficient or not. Demand for additional access was focused on paddlecraft access points, access to the dam wall area and access at the southern end.

Most were indifferent to the environmental significance of the area.

5.4. Private Submissions

A number of private submissions were received by Seqwater during the consultation period via email and mail. These submissions identified issues such as:

- A number of petitions voicing their disagreement against motorised boats on Ewen Maddock.
- Two letters regarding the need for a skiing location on the Sunshine Coast and suggesting Ewen Maddock may be that location.
## Appendix A  Notifications (list of letters)

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Appendix B  Advertisements

It’s your water! Have your say...

Seqwater is undertaking a review of the recreation facilities at Lake Baroon & Ewen Maddock Dam.

We encourage you to have your say about recreation opportunities around the lakes. Discussion Papers for each lake will be available online from 18 September and at your local ward or council office. We invite you to attend an information session where you can ask questions, get additional information on the review process and register for a workshop on these lakes.

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You can submit your feedback on these lakes from 18 September to 13 November by:

- completing an online survey on our website www.yourseqwater.com.au
- attending an information session
- registering for one of our workshops at www.yourseqwater.com.au
- emailing recreationreview@seqwater.com.au
- phoning us on 1800 505 182

phone
1800 505 182
Appendix C  Poster

It’s your water! Have your say...

Seqwater is undertaking a Recreation Review to explore the recreational opportunities in and around its lakes and you’re invited to get involved!

If you’re a regular visitor to Seqwater lakes and have some ideas about the recreational facilities, Seqwater would like to hear from you!

To get involved in the Recreation Review, you can:
- ✔ Attend an information session
- ✔ Fill in an online survey
- ✔ Participate in a workshop

For more information or to register your details:

Website  www.yourseqwater.com.au
Phone    1800 505 182
Email    recreationreview@seqwater.com.au
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Minister for Energy and Water Supply
The Honourable Mark McArdle

Tuesday, March 26, 2013

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Seqwater is set to undertake the most extensive review of recreation offered by south east Queensland dams and catchments to date, Energy and Water Supply Minister Mark McArdle announced today.

Mr McArdle said Seqwater managed 50 per cent of the region’s open recreation space catering for up to two million visitors a year.

"Enjoying the outdoors is a big part of life in south east Queensland. Many of us love nothing better than getting out and exploring our bushland, waterways and camping at our lakes," Mr McArdle said.

"Our dams and catchments offer some of Australia’s most enjoyable recreational experiences from camping, fishing, canoeing through to the higher octane pursuits of water skiing and jet skis.

"It is essential we have a robust discussion about how this precious resource is managed for future generations to enjoy."

The review will include the development of recreation site master plans for clusters of dams across the region detailing allowable activities, available facilities, management rules and guidelines.

"The review will take into account the fact that many recreation dams across the region are also drinking water storages," he said.

"It will need to balance the provision of recreation alongside the need to ensure there are no adverse impacts on water quality or the immediate catchment around those dams."

During March and April, Seqwater will consult local councils, user groups and affected residents on the proposed review before finalising the timetable.
Mr McArdle recently met residents in Redland and Moreton Bay Regional council areas to hear their feedback on how they would like to use and access Seqwater recreation sites in their local area.

“It is important we take into account the concerns of the community and I applaud Seqwater’s approach to consult and listen to the concerns and feedback of the community in south east Queensland,” he said.

“The review will include extensive community consultation and I encourage all interested parties to get involved.”

The review process is expected to start by May with the release of the first of the site master plan discussion paper.

Seqwater was established from 1 January 2013 when Seqwater, LinkWater and the Water Grid Manager merged.

In forming the new authority, a key Government objective was ensuring the region’s dams and catchments optimised recreational opportunities, including potential commercial activity to enhance the community’s use of recreation sites and the delivery of economic benefits.

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Minister for Energy and Water Supply
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Thursday, June 20, 2013

South east Queenslanders are being urged to have their say as part of the most extensive review of recreation of SEQ dams and catchments ever undertaken.

Energy and Water Supply Minister Mark McArdle today released a discussion paper on the future recreation options for Wivenhoe, Somerset and Atkinson dams, the first in a series of 14 discussion papers covering the region’s 26 dams.

Mr McArdle also officially reopened one of Somerset region’s more popular sites – the Spillway Common below Wivenhoe Dam – following extensive damage during the January 2011 floods. The repair work also included improving access for paddle craft below the dam wall.

Mr McArdle said Seqwater had finalised its schedule for public consultation after receiving positive feedback from councils and key stakeholders about the timeframes.

"These recreation areas are public spaces and we want to hear from everyone involved – from the visitors to the people who live adjacent to the recreation areas," Mr McArdle said.

"The community will be able to get involved by attending public information sessions and workshops, accessing information on Seqwater’s website and participating in online surveys."

Mr McArdle said it was important to understand many of the recreation dams across the region were drinking water storages.

"The review will need to balance the diversity of recreation activities against ensuring no adverse impact on water quality or the immediate catchment around those dams," he said.

The review will include the development of recreation site master plans for clusters of dams across the region detailing allowable activities, available facilities, management rules and guidelines.

The schedule for community consultation for the rest of Seqwater’s recreation areas are:

- Lake Samsonvale (North Pine Dam) and Lake Kurwongbah – July 2013
- Maroon and Moogerah dams – August 2013
- Ewen Maddock and Baroon Pocket – September 2013
• Borumba Dam and Lake Macdonald – October 2013
• Cooloolabin, Poona and Wappa dams – November 2013
• Clarendon and Bill Gunn (Lake Dyer) dams – February 2014
• Leslie Harrison Dam – March 2014
• Lake Manchester, Enoggera and Gold Creek dams – April 2014
• Hinze and Little Nerang dams – May 2014.

From today information for each review as well as the open online survey will be available on www.seqwater.com.au. Information days and workshops for Wivenhoe, Somerset and Atkinson dams will run from 29th June to 13th July.

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Media release

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Sunshine Coast dams under the spotlight

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Thursday, September 12, 2013

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Sunshine Coast residents are being urged to register to have their say on the future recreation at Baroon Pocket and Ewen Maddock Dams.

Water Supply Minister Mark McArdle said Seqwater’s review into water recreation in the area will be released at a launch next Wednesday, 18 September 2013.

"Enjoying the outdoors is a big part of life on the Sunshine Coast. Many of us love nothing better than getting out and exploring our bushland and waterways, and visiting our dams,” Mr McArdle said.

"These recreation areas are public spaces and it’s important to hear from everyone involved – from the visitors to the people who live next to the recreation areas.

"I encourage everyone with an interest in Baroon Pocket and Ewen Maddock Dams to register to have their say.”

Mr McArdle said the discussion papers would outline the various activities currently available and provide an avenue for the community to formally submit any opportunities they see for recreation on and around the lakes.

"It’s important to strike the correct balance between recreation and environmental stability,” he said.

"Recreation on waterways and land must be managed in a sustainable and environmentally-friendly manner to ensure that there are no adverse impacts on water supply.”

The launch of the discussion papers will be held at 1.30pm, Wednesday, 18 September 2013, at the boardwalk at Maddock Park, Ewen Maddock Dam (off Mooloolah Connection Road).

Following the release of the discussion papers, the community will also be able to get involved by attending public information sessions and workshops as well as accessing information on Seqwater’s website and participating in online surveys.

Information sessions for Baroon Pocket and Ewen Maddock Dams are being held on 21 September at:
- Maleny - Maple Street (in front of the IGA) from 9am to 11am
- Landsborough – Maleny Street (in front of the newsagent) from 11.30am to 1pm


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Wednesday, September 18, 2013

Sunshine Coast recreation review begins

Water Supply Minister Mark McArdle has released the discussion papers for Baroon Pocket and Ewen Maddock dams at a launch held on the Sunshine Coast today.

The discussion papers are a part of Seqwater’s most extensive review of recreation of South East Queensland dams and catchments.

Mr McArdle said he encouraged residents and visitors to have their say on the future recreation at Baroon Pocket and Ewen Maddock dams.

"These discussion papers discuss the activities currently available and provide an avenue for the community to formally submit any opportunities they see for future recreation on and around the lakes," Mr McArdle said.

"Baroon Pocket and Ewen Maddock dams are a hub of activity for locals and it is important everyone speaks up about how this precious resource is managed for future generations to enjoy.

"The community will be able to get involved by attending public information sessions and workshops as well as accessing information on Seqwater’s website and participating in online surveys.

"The response to the release of discussion papers in other areas has been very positive and it’s encouraging to see the number of people who are keen to be involved.”

Information sessions for Lakes Baroon and Ewen Maddock are being held on 21 September at:

- Maleny - Maple Street (in front of the IGA) from 9am – 11am
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Following on from the information sessions, a community workshop will be held.

All interested people are encouraged to attend the discussion workshop in the local area on 12 October.
To attend the workshop, register first at www.yourseqwater.com.au (external site) (http://www.yourseqwater.com.au/) prior to 10 October. Registered attendees will be notified via email of the venue location.

Information for the recreation review of Lakes Baroon and Ewen Maddock as well as the open online survey is available on www.yourseqwater.com.au (external site) (http://www.yourseqwater.com.au/).

[ENDS] 18 September 2013

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Ideas flow for Sunshine Coast dams

Sunshine Coast residents want improved access for paddle craft, wash down facilities, and directional and educational signage for trails, according to community feedback on Seqwater’s recreation review.

The second workshop for Baroon Pocket and Ewen Maddock Dams was held on Saturday 2nd November at Tunnel Ridge Ranch near Ewen Maddock Dam. The workshop enabled Seqwater to give feedback to community members on recreation suggestions received for these two dam over the consultation process and provided opportunities for the community members to refine ideas regarding recreation at the dams.

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"Community members have attended information sessions and workshops to personally contribute to the recreation review."
“To date, over 200 surveys have been completed for the two dams. The online surveys remain open until Wednesday 13 November, so there is still time for people have their say on the recreation activities and opportunities at Baroon Pocket and Ewen Maddock Dams.”

Mr McArdle said the workshops also enabled participants to learn more about the weed Cabomba which is present in Ewen Maddock Dam and the level of risk this poses to other lakes.

"Cabomba weed is a submerged aquatic weed that takes root in the bottom of the lake and grows in dense thickets, choking the water environment.

"At present this weed cannot be successfully eradicated, only controlled. Currently, the most successful treatment used by Seqwater involves divers manually extracting the weed from the lake, which is time consuming and very costly.

"Cabomba’s dense undergrowth also poses a hazard for recreational water use. Fishing lines can become entangled in the weed and water sports such as boating, canoeing and swimming can be affected."

“This review is about balancing the diversity of recreation activities with making sure there are no adverse impacts on water quality or the immediate catchment around those dams,” Mr McArdle said.

"Ensuring participants are aware of the unique aspects of each dam is important when considering what recreational activities will work in conjunction with the environmental issue.”

The consultation period for Baroon Pocket and Ewen Maddock dams closes November 13, 2013. Interested community members can visit www.yourseqwater.com.au, email recreationreview@seqwater.com.au or telephone 1800 505 182 to have their say.

[ENDS] 6 November 2013

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Appendix E  Media Coverage
Thanks for the wishes, it’s good to be back

Caloundra Weekly, Caloundra QLD, General News 12 Sep 2013
Page 35 - 379 words - ASR AUD 409
Photo: Yes - Type: News Item - Size: 186.01 cm² - QLD - Australia - ID: 213521111

Great to be back THIS week I returned to my regular duties as the Member for Caloundra, after taking time off to deal with my challenge of prostate cancer. It is good to be back and I am looking forward to continuing to serve the Caloundra electorate.

Keywords
Seqwater(1)

12/09/2013 (1 item)

CHANCE TO HAVE A SAY ON DAM USE

Sunday Mail Brisbane, Brisbane, Boating 15 Sep 2013
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BOATIES and anglers using Baroon Pocket and Ewen Maddock dams are invited to have a say on their future use. Seqwater will release a discussion paper on the two dams on Wednesday as part of a review of recreation activities of all of the 23 lakes that come under Seqwater control.

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Seqwater(2),water(1)

15/09/2013 (1 item)

It’s your water ... have your say

Glasshouse Country News, Beerwah QLD, General News 18 Sep 2013
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Seqwater is responsible for providing a secure and reliable water supply to almost three million people across South-East Queensland, including our own Ewen Maddock Dam.

Keywords
Seqwater(4),water(2)

18/09/2013 (6 items)
Mark McArdle, Queensland Minister for Energy and Water Supply, will launch SeqWater’s recreation review of Baroon Pocket Dam and Ewen Maddock Dam.

Mark McArdle, Queensland Minister for Water Supply has called on residents to share ideas on how the region’s dams could be improved for water security and tourism. McArdle has visited the Ewen Maddock Dam today. Mike Foster, SEQ Water says waterway and dam management costs are around $4-5m per year.

Motorboats and jet skis may soon be allowed on the region’s dams under a Qld Government review. Public information sessions will be held next week.

QLD Water Supply Minister and Caloundra MP Mark McArdle will launch Seqwater’s Recreation Review of Ewen Maddock and Baroon pocket dams.

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Dams’ uses under review

Sunshine Coast Daily, Maroochydore QLD, General News
Page 8 - 128 words - ASR AUD 276
Photo: No - Type: News Item - Size: 56.14 cm² - QLD - Australia - ID: 213998189

THE recreational uses of Ewen Maddock Dam and Lake Baroon have come under review. Energy and Water Supply Minister Mark McArdle released two discussion papers yesterday as part of Seqwater’s most extensive review of south-east Queensland dams and catchments.

Minister for Water Supply Mark McArdle yesterday announced an investigation by Seqwater into the recreational uses of Ewen Maddock and Baroon Pocket dams.

SEQ Water has launched a review of into recreational activities at the Baroon Pocket ...

SEQ Water is having another look at how people use the Ewen Maddock and Baroon ...
SEQwater is considering opening up the Ewen Maddock and Baroon Pocket to boats and jetskis.

The Qld Government is reviewing recreational activities at Ewen Maddock and Baroon Pocket dams to see if it can entice more people to use them.

Mark McArdle, Queensland Minister for Water Supply
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Keywords
Seqwater(5)
Not impressed Segwater!

Glasshouse Country News, Beerwah QLD, Letters

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Photo: No - Type: News Item - Size: 83.08 cm² - QLD - Australia - ID: 226408731

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I would like to thank everyone who sent their touching emails, cards and messages of support and my staff which continued with the day-to-day operations of the electorate office in my absence.

Last chance for students to apply for Anzac Tour

HIGH school students have until September 20 to enter the Premier’s Anzac Prize for their chance to be selected to travel to Gallipoli next year.

This once-in-a-lifetime opportunity offers students the chance to travel to Turkey to see the origins of the Anzacs first-hand as part of a study tour.

To enter, students need to create a two-to-five minute multimedia presentation discussing how the Anzac tradition has shaped our nation, why it is still important and how future generations can keep the tradition alive.

Teachers can also apply to go as chaperones.


Update on Lake Baroon and Ewen Maddock Dam review

DISCUSSION papers from the most extensive review of recreational use of south east Queensland dams and catchments carried out by Seqwater earlier this year will be made available publicly on September 18.

Two of the Coast’s dams, Lake Baroon and Ewen Maddock Dam, were included in the review that looked at masterplans, activities, facilities and management rules and guidelines.

Enjoying the great outdoors is a way of life for people on the Coast and visitors to our region. I encourage people to have a look at these discussion papers and have your say on the recreational facilities carried out at these sites.

An information session will be held on September 21.

A workshop will be on October 12.


Good luck to our senior students

LAST week many Year 12 students from Caloundra high schools took part in the Queensland Core Skills test (QCS), which means they are heading into their final term of study.

Good luck to all students (and their parents) as they enter this very stressful time.

You are our leaders of tomorrow.

I look forward to meeting many of you at the end-of-year graduation ceremonies.
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Seqwater will release a discussion paper on the two dams on Wednesday as part of a review of recreation activities of all of the 23 lakes that come under Seqwater control.

The review is an attempt to strike a balance between what recreational activities should be allowed while also protecting the water supply. From the review, masterplans for clusters of dams will be developed that will govern the activities allowed, what facilities are provided and management rules and guidelines.

Fishing, sailing and canoeing are allowed on both lakes, with Lake Baroon also open to kayakers and boating. Only non-powered boats are allowed on Ewan Maddock Dam.

The discussion papers identify current activities and past feedback. The launch is at 1.30pm at the Maddock Park boardwalk, Ewen Maddock Dam (off Mooloolah Connection Rd.).

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Community consultation will close on Wednesday, October 9.

Visit yourseqwater.com.au for more information.
It’s your water ... have your say

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Up to two million people a year visit their recreational facilities across Queensland for anything from picnics, camping and fishing, to weddings and sporting events.

Seqwater is undertaking a Recreation Review to explore the recreational opportunities in and around its lakes to deliver a suite of management plans.

In September, the focus will be turned onto Ewen Maddock Dam at Glenview and Baroon Pocket Dam, on the way to Maleny.

Seqwater will be releasing discussion papers and surveys on these two waterbodies on September 18, identifying the current activities, past feedback and any constraints associated with each lake.

An information booth will be set up in front of the Landsborough newsagents on Saturday, September 21 from 11.30am to 1.00pm.

A more in-depth workshop is planned for October 12 to give everyone the opportunity to directly participate.

The location of the workshop is yet to be determined, however Seqwater are asking people to register their interest on the website www.yourseqwater.com.au/projects/Lake-Baroon-Ewen-Maddock

One local group who welcome the opportunity is the Ewen Maddock Fish Management Inc group.

Although they are primarily involved in stocking the dam with native fish, group member Steve Evans says that they also have a vested interest in the wider recreational use and management of the waterway.

“Canoeing and kayaking, family activities (picnics, swimming, sailing, etc), and foreshore access for activities such as bush walking and bird watching are all important. Consequently our responses to the consultation, whilst focused on our primary aims of recreational fishing, have also reflected these other pursuits,” Steve said.

“The group is also conscious of the need to preserve the ecology in these dams so has also responded in support of controlling noxious weeds, particularly in Ewen Maddock Dam, controlling exotic and pest fauna such as Tilapia and Cane Toads, and preserving and protecting endangered native wildlife such as Mary River Cod.

“However, the group is not supportive of powerboats, jet skis or other motorised craft being used on either dam,” he said.
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Analysing use of the lake and dam

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RECREATIONAL USES

- Lake Baroon: swimming, picnicking, playgrounds, non-motorised watercraft, fishing and walking trails;
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Recreation is fine within certain limits

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New perspective

THANKS to Seqwater for good community engagement regarding recreation activities on Ewen Maddock Dam and Lake Baroon.

The workshop on Saturday morning gave me a more balanced perspective. In the end, though, Seqwater has to consider different and often conflicting needs, and make choices.

I saw that Seqwater is listening and has a reliable logic to its decision-making. Most people will appreciate this. As an example, walking trails.

Some want a trail all the way around Lake Baroon. Others want a trail from Lake Baroon along the Obi Obi to Maleny. Thirdly, we already have a trail from north shore to Mapleton, part of the Great Walk.

It was expensive to build and maintain. Do we need another trail all around the lake which will also be very expensive because of the steep up and down terrain? Would it be better – in terms of access – to do the trail to Maleny?

Since we have many demands on our public money, I favour gradual creation of a trail to Maleny. This is something the community will have to decide.

Many people want to canoe, kayak or fish; and they all appreciate that the environment underpins their recreation. Email recreationreview@seqwater.com.au or find the link on the page: http://www.yourseqwater.com.au/projects/Lake-Baroon-Ewen-Maddock.

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I attended the Seqwater Recreational Review workshops three weeks ago and there was no mention of any track closure to any user groups. Another recreational asset has been lost to the public, just like access along the dam wall and to the kayak launching site.
If skaters, bike riders, walkers and runners manage to share the coastal paths, surely we can manage to share this bush track?
With so few areas for kids and families to ride bikes off-road and away from traffic in a beautiful environment, these barricades need to the removed. In the hope that Seqwater will actually listen to the people, voice your disapproval to recreationreview@seqwater.com.au or phone 1800 505 182.

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Appendix F  Social Media