



Leasing Policy - Coastal Property Community Leases

Policy Statement

The Department of Transport (DoT) may, at its discretion through its Maritime Business Unit (MBU), provide opportunities to lease Coastal Property for public access, or community purposes and activities.

Principles

This Policy is applicable to all new agreements (referred to in this document generically as leases) issued over DoT Coastal Property for uses associated with a community purpose.

This Policy does not remove the requirement for the lessee to obtain any necessary statutory approvals. DoT will not enter into a lease unless it has documentary evidence that all necessary statutory approvals have been secured.

Development on Coastal Property cannot commence until a lease has been executed.

The DoT is not obliged to offer a lease, or to issue a new lease on similar terms as any existing or previous lease. In certain instances the DoT may offer an agreement for lease, or similar, which sets out conditions which are to be met prior to the granting of a lease.

Given the complex nature of the leasing of DoT Coastal Property, staff and/or any external agent appointed and authorised by the DoT to manage Coastal Property on its behalf, will assist current and prospective lessees with their enquiries and provide general information in accordance with the DoT Leasing Information and Guidelines.

Objectives

In making Coastal Property available, under a community lease or licence, the DoT aims to:

- Ensure that the leasing of Coastal Property is consistent and impartial;
- Promote and maintain community use of Coastal Property including development of facilities to encourage water based recreation and sport such as boating, yachting, fishing and sailing clubs;

Should be read in conjunction with the DoT Leasing Information and Guidelines document (June 2019) located at www.transport.wa.gov.au/imate/leasing-opportunities.asp.

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- Promote and maintain safe access to and from the waterways for public recreational purposes (such as fishing and boating), while minimising its impact on the environment.

While the provisions of this Policy will normally be applied to DoT Coastal Property community leases, it should be noted that any final lease offer will be on such terms and conditions as the DoT considers appropriate. Residential use will not be considered.

Adherence to this Policy will ensure that community leases of Coastal Property are soundly based and effectively conducted to meet DoT, Government and community requirements.

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