

**ATTACHMENT ADDRESSING THE BETTER REGULATION PRINCIPLES  
IN RELATION TO THE  
PROPOSED MARINE SAFETY (GENERAL) AMENDMENT (FEES)  
REGULATION 2010**

**1      *The need for government action should be established***

The proposed Regulation is required to increase the existing fees payable under the relevant Principal Regulation in relation to vessel registrations and recreational boat and personal watercraft driving licences by a small amount in order to generate income to contribute to the funding of Marine Rescue NSW, which was newly established on 1 July 2010. Marine Rescue NSW is the result of a combination of a large number of disparate and uncoordinated volunteer rescue groups into a single cohesive body. The measure received public support following an informal consultative process with the boating community.

**2      *The objective of government action should be clear***

The objective of the proposed Regulation is to update the Principal Regulation to increase the rate of some existing fees payable under that Regulation.

**3      *The impact of government action should be properly understood by considering the costs and benefits of a range of options, including non-regulatory options***

The proposed Regulation is required to give effect to the aim of generating income to contribute to the funding of Marine Rescue NSW. Therefore non-regulatory options are not considered applicable.

**4      *Government action should be effective and proportional***

The proposed amendments will be effective and proportional to the aim of generating increased funding to assist Marine Rescue NSW, because the income will be generated in the normal course of business, being vessel licence and registration renewals and applications. The measures will also apply to those who will benefit from the services being funded.

**5      *Consultation with business and the community should inform regulatory development***

The public was informed in advance of the proposed fee increases and there was widespread support with over 2000 mostly positive responses. Brochures were distributed publicly and to a wide range of stakeholders. The proposal was also published on the NSW Maritime website inviting comment, and was endorsed by peak industry advisory groups including the Recreational Vessel Advisory Group (RVAG) and the Maritime Ministerial Advisory Council (MMAC). The amendment to the Regulation is a modest fee increase being \$7.50 on non-concessional licences and registrations, \$3.00 on concessional licences and registrations, and \$1.50 on some young adult licences.

**6     *The simplification, repeal, reform or consolidation of existing regulation should be considered***

The Regulation does not raise simplification, repeal, reform or consolidation of existing regulation issues.

**7     *Regulation should be periodically reviewed, and if necessary reformed to ensure its continued efficiency and effectiveness***

Fees will be reviewed on an annual basis.