Recreational Use of Council Dams Policy

POLICY OBJECTIVE

To document the existing recreational use of Goulburn's dams.

LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS

Guidelines for the Recreational Use of Water Storage Areas – NSW Health 2005

POLICY STATEMENT

Recreational use of Sooley Dam and Rossi Weir is not permitted. This is to minimise the threat to water quality which is important due to the close proximity to the raw water offtake at Rossi Weir. These are both closed storages whereby Council access is through privately owned land.

Pejar Dam has restricted recreational use based on activities that minimise erosion of the banks around the dam and that prevent the water pollution due to potential fuel spillage or waste disposal.

Recreational uses permitted at all times include:

- Fishing from the banks
- Picnicking in designated areas (the park and reserve)

The following activities are permitted in non-restricted areas, when the water level is equal or greater than 30% and blue green algae levels are within recreational guideline limits:

- Canoeing
- Sailing
- Sailboarding
- Rowing
- Electric Powered boats (Up to 4 knots)
- Line fishing from rowing or electric powered boats

The following activities are not permitted at any time:

- Power boating (except rescue boats and Council work boats)
- Boating in restricted areas
- Swimming
- Scuba diving / skin diving
- Camping
- Caravanning
- Trail bike riding
- Shooting

The restricted areas are adjacent to the spillway and the tributaries to the dam.

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All policies can be reviewed or revoked by resolution of Council at anytime.				

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