

Cunninghame Arm, Kalimna and Lake King

Proposed Amendments to Vessel Operating and Zoning Rules Information Sheet and FAQs

Background

Gippsland Ports (GP), as Waterway Manager for the Local Port of Gippsland Lakes, may apply to Safe Transport Victoria (STV) for amendments to the Vessel Operating and Zoning Rules (VOZR) applicable to waters under its management. If STV deems proposed changes to be material, GP is required to engage in public consultation before any changes are made.

GP has applied to STV for three changes to Schedule 104, outlined in detail below. We are asking commercial and recreational boaters, berth holders, local area property owners and other community members to consider the three proposals listed below and provide feedback. Any other reasonable alternatives will be considered.

Proposals

Proposal 1:

GP proposes to remove the 'No Boating Zone' on the northern shore of Cunninghame Arm, as set out in Schedule 104.5(f)(i) of the VOZR. Due to shoaling, the area is now extremely shallow and is no longer suitable for swimming or other waterway activities. There are also ongoing expenses associated with maintaining the buoyage.



Proposal 2:

GP proposes an area prohibited to vessels generally west-northwest of Kalimna Jetty. The area is popular with swimmers and provides a safe, sheltered site for children and families. The area is relatively shallow and unsuitable for most vessels; however, personal watercraft (PWCs) are known to use the area to access the shore, and high-speed interactions with swimmers have been reported during warmer months.

Access to the shore for PWCs will be maintained east of Kalimna Jetty, which will minimise impacts on other waterway users.



Proposal 3:

Gippsland Ports proposes an area prohibited to vessels generally north of Lake King Jetty, Metung. The proposed area is popular with swimmers and provides a safe, sheltered site for children and families. The area is relatively shallow and unsuitable for most vessels; however, PWCs are known to use the area to access the shore, and high-speed interactions with swimmers have been reported during warmer months.

Access to the shore for PWCs will be maintained north of the proposed zone and south of Lake King Jetty, which will minimise impacts on other waterway users.



Have your say

Gippsland Ports would like to hear your views on the proposals before making a final decision.

Any change to the Vessel Operating and Zoning Rules requires the approval of Safe Transport Victoria and must take account of community views.

You can have your say by emailing Gippsland Ports at: feedback@gippslandports.vic.gov.au

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Who is being consulted?

A. Any interested resident, boat owner, community member or organisation can provide input.

Q. How do I have my say?

A. You can email Gippsland Ports directly at the feedback address below to provide your views.

Q. Will my views be taken into account?

A. Yes. Gippsland Ports will consider the results of the consultation before deciding on a preferred option. If any change is proposed, Safe Transport Victoria approval is required, and STV will ask for the results of the community consultation before making a decision.

Q. How do I get more information?

A. You can contact Gippsland Ports by email or phone. If requested, we will contact you to discuss your questions.

Q. When does the consultation period end?

A. 4 September 2026

For further information, please contact Gippsland Ports: feedback@gippslandports.vic.gov.au

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