

Concerns & Questions re Moorings at Boreen Point & Lake Cootharaba

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Members of the Cootharaba and Boreen Point communities support the recent announcement of restrictions on the anchoring of >5m vessels across the Noosa River system to apply from 1 January 2026.

With the introduction of the 28 Day rule some of the 5+m vessel owners at Boreen Point will face a problem.

The local Community would like to have clarification around the existing and proposed mooring arrangements at Lake Cootharaba.

1. How many registered buoyed moorings are there presently at Boreen Point?
 - a. How many people are on the *waiting list* for moorings in the Lower River, below Lake Cooroibah?
 - b. How many people on waiting list for moorings at Lake Cootharaba (in the Upper River)?
 - c. Are these all on the same waiting list?
2. Does MSQ have any plans to increase or decrease the number of buoyed moorings at Boreen Point (Lake Cootharaba) in the future?
3. Issues of Lower and Upper River mooring zones (below and above Lake Cooroibah respectively) being treated as a single zone:
 - a. Are there are boat owners who do not use their registered moorings at Boreen Point as the they prefer a mooring in the Lower River (below Lake Cooroibah)? Based on the limited information available, it appears that there are registered moorings at Boreen Point that are not being used.
 - b. How does MSQ avoid boat owners registering a mooring that they will not use given that the Upper river and Lower river mooring grounds are currently treated as the one mooring zone?
 - c. Could these registered but unused moorings be offered to local boat owners who have not been able to access a mooring to date?
 - d. Could the Lower River and Upper River mooring grounds (downstream and upstream of Lake Cooroibah respectively) be operated as two separate zones with some preference given to locals?

Requests from the Community:

- That the mooring grounds at Boreen Point be dealt with *as part of a separate zone*, the 'Upper Noosa River' to that of the 'Lower Noosa River' mooring grounds.
- That the moorings at Boreen Point *be primarily used for boat owners living in Boreen Point and Cootharaba area*. This would:
 - a) reduce the number of vessels currently being left unattended for extended periods of time without maintenance or attention from owners, owners who have not made arrangements for regular checking of their vessels and moorings.
 - b) reduce vessels in Lake Cootharaba with owners living a great distance away from Boreen Point and Cootharaba area.
- That the MSQ addresses the issues listed above regarding the mooring grounds at Boreen Point as soon as possible to make the implementation of the 28 Day Rule easier to enforce.