To: The Honourable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of Queensland

The petition of the residents of the State of Queensland draws to the House's attention the following:

1. The new recreational boat registrations do not reflect the current financial stress being suffered by boat owners and that increases of nearly 150% are unjustified. Any increases should be aligned with Consumer Price Indices as is the case with most forms of taxation.

2. The increase in fees is excessive compared with other states and is detrimental to the tourism, boating & fishing industry in Queensland.

3. The government's assertion that the fee increases are due to the need for additional boat ramps cannot be justified and that the fees as such are incorrectly targeted.

The petitioners therefore request the House to:

Ensure that the regulations making the new fee's be amended accordingly, reflecting the current financial crisis and in line with CPI.

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