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## Announcement of changes to improve boat trailer parking

### What's new or changing

- The NSW Government will make \$5 million available for new dedicated off-street boat trailer storage solutions.
- Next year the Government will seek legislative changes to provide councils with the power to impound boat trailers parked for more than 3 months.
- Changes will also be made to allow councils to issue penalty notices for unregistered trailers and to issue resident parking permits for boat trailers.

### What this will mean for your council

- Councils may wish to register their interest in providing alternative storage options for boat trailers in their local government area.
- If Government legislation is passed, councils will be able to take impounding action if boat trailers are parked for longer than 3 months.
- Councils would also be able to issue fines for unregistered trailers from 1 December and issue parking permits for boat trailers from early next year.

### Key points

- The NSW Government has announced that a total of \$5 million will be available in 2014-15 and 2015-16 to assist with the establishment of new off-street boat trailer storage solutions via a registration of interest process.
- Legislation will be introduced next year to amend the *Impounding Act 1993* to allow councils to impound parked boat trailers if they are unmoved after 3 months. Boat trailer owners would need to be given 15 days' notice.
- The Road Transport (General) Regulation 2013 will be amended with effect from 1 December to make it illegal for an unregistered trailer to be parked on a road and enable council officers to issue penalty notices for this offence.
- Roads and Maritime Services Residential Parking Permit guidelines will also be amended next year to allow councils to issue permits for boat trailers.

### Where to go for further information

- Further information about the registration of interest process and Transport for NSW contacts are available on the NSW Government e-tendering website: <https://tenders.nsw.gov.au/?event=public.rft.show&RFTUID=4E9F0EC4-A652-0AFC-FA4C4BF7D5D19977>.



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