

## Private Jetties and Boat Lifting Structures Information Sheet

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### What is a Jetty?

“Jetty” means a structure connected to a body of water that, wholly or in part, may be used for the purpose of launching or landing a vessel and the configuration can be one of the following arrangements:

- a) Finger shaped;
- b) Floating Jetty;
- c) Land Backed;
- d) ‘L’ shaped; or
- e) ‘T’ shaped.

Jetties are permissible with the Port Geographe Development Area on a canal lot with a designated Jetty Envelope. Jetties should be used for the purpose of accessing a moored or stored vessel only.

### What is a boat lifting structure?

The term boat lifting structure includes a Davit, Floating Boat Lifting Structure and Mechanical Boat Lifting Structure:

“Davit” means a structure located on a jetty and which is capable of mechanically moving a vessel from a waterway to a dry lot.

“Floating Boat Lifting Structure” means a floating structure, attached to mooring piles assuring the vessel is out of the water, i.e. a floating pontoon/boat dock.

“Mechanical Boat Lifting Structure” means a solid metal structure, on pylons which lifts a vessel out of water.

### What approval from the City do I need for a Jetty or Boat Lifting Structure?

Boat Lifting Structures - All boat lifting structures require a Development Application.

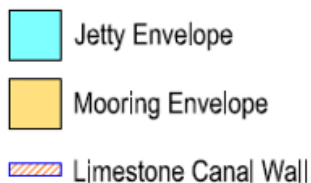
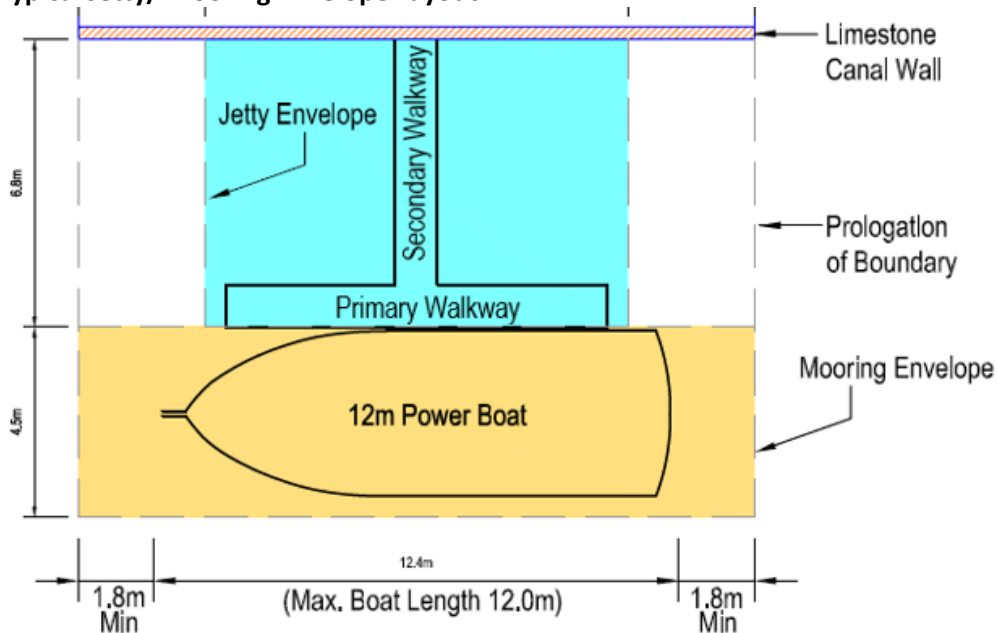
Jetties - If a proposed jetty complies with the following criteria then it is exempt from requiring Development Approval and only a Building Permit Application is required:

- Jetties designed such that all vessels moored when parked at the Jetty will be wholly contained within the lots designated Mooring Envelope (where one exists); and
- Jetties have no structures built on them and do not have a roof; and
- Jetties do not place a horizontal surcharge load on a canal wall (this will be required to be demonstrated through engineering details at the building permit stage); and
- Piles associated with a Jetty are to be located so as not to penetrate any Revetment Mattress. Where piles are proposed to penetrate a Revetment Mattress, certification from a structural engineer will be

required to be provided at the building permit stage confirming there will be no associated structural impact; and

- The Primary Walkway should be limited to a minimum width of 1.2m and a maximum width of 2.0m, except for a Land Backed Jetty which has an allowable maximum width of 2.5m; and
- The Secondary Walkway should be limited to a minimum width of 0.9m and a maximum width of 2.0m, except for a Floating Jetty which has an allowable maximum width of 2.5m.

#### Typical Jetty/ Mooring Envelope Layout:



#### Do I need any other approvals?

Please note that Jetties are required to be licensed through the [Department of Transport's Coastal Branch](#).

#### Enquiries

Planning Services staff may be contacted on (08) 9781 1731, email [city@busselton.wa.gov.au](mailto:city@busselton.wa.gov.au), or in person at the City Administration Building during office hours, Monday – Friday.

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