Hydro Tasmania owns and manages land and waterways that are highly valued for recreation by many groups in Tasmania and further afield. The adoption of Hydro Tasmania’s Recreational Management Principles provided the direction for Hydro Tasmania to move forward in facilitating recreation on its land and waterways.

The Mersey-Forth Water Management Review afforded the opportunity for Hydro Tasmania to develop collaborative partnerships with stakeholders to effectively manage recreational values across the Mersey-Forth catchments.

Aim of Study
The aim of this study was for Hydro Tasmania to continue the collaborative work with government agencies, recreational clubs and community groups in the Mersey-Forth catchments to achieve sustainable outcomes for the recreational use of land and water assets.
Process and Outcomes

To achieve the aims of this study a number of processes were undertaken and outcomes achieved. They are summarised below:

- Hydro Tasmania engaged with a number of stakeholders including the Mersey-Forth Recreation Management Committee, recreational clubs and the wider community resulting in the development of the Mersey-Forth Recreation Development and Management Plan for the Mersey-Forth catchments;
- The Mersey-Forth Recreation Management Committee agreed to extend their recreation mandate from Lake Barrington to the Mersey-Forth catchments. Recreational values and issues are now being managed across the Mersey-Forth catchments; and
- A number of key actions from the Mersey-Forth Recreation Development and Management Plan are already being undertaken and are due to be completed over the next twelve months including:
  - Construction of a new pontoon at Wilmot at Lake Barrington Park to be funded between Marine and Safety Tasmania, Hydro Tasmania and the Kentish Council;
  - Continuing improvements to boating access at Lake Rowallan in partnership between Hydro Tasmania and the Inland Fisheries Service;
  - Implementation of the Mersey-Forth Signage Strategy by the Mersey-Forth Recreation Management Committee; and
  - Identification of actions to address erosion at high priority sites at Kentish Park and Lake Barrington Park at Wilmot.

Commitment

Commitment to Hydro Tasmania’s Recreational Management Principles, and the implementation of the Mersey-Forth Recreation Development and Management Plan in collaboration with stakeholders, will ensure recreation in the Mersey-Forth catchments is managed co-operatively into the future.

For More Information


To view the Mersey-Forth Recreation Development and Management Plan go to www.hydro.com.au/MFWMR.

To see all the Mersey-Forth Water Management Review technical and social studies go to www.hydro.com.au/MFWMR-studies.


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