



Swan River Trust
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Media Statement

Trust ensures rivers' use for public

The building of private jetties on the Swan and Canning rivers will now be a thing of the past.

The Swan River Trust introduced a new policy today to ensure new jetties built in the proposed Swan Canning Riverpark will be for the whole community to use and enjoy.

Trust chairman Charlie Welker said private jetties effectively privatised parts of the rivers, restricting public access.

"The Trust will only support future applications for structures which are on or abutting public land, if it is intended for public use," Mr Welker said.

"This way, the rivers remain the property of the community."

Mr Welker said the policy was a combination of two previously existing Trust policies.

"We developed a draft policy last year and encouraged feedback from the community during a three month period," he said.

"Eight submissions were received, six from the community and two from community groups.

"All comments were given consideration when we developed the final policy."

Policy SRT/D21 -Jetty Structures within the Swan River Trust Management Area can be viewed along with the submissions on the Trust website, www.swanrivertrust.wa.gov.au

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