

Building jetties or moorings on Melbourne's waterways

Melbourne's waterways provide a wide range of environmental, recreational and tourism activities. However, they are also fundamental to Melbourne's stormwater management.

There has been a renewed interest in recreational boating on Melbourne's waterways. This interest has also sparked demand for new destinations and access points.

This guide outlines the process of how jetty and/or mooring proposals are assessed. All proposals will be assessed to make sure that; waterways are managed safely; the environmental risks are minimised; and that it benefits all users.

A coordinated approach to waterway management

Parks Victoria, Melbourne Water, the Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) and local councils all have a part to play in the planning and development of jetties and moorings.

Of particular concern are the impacts on existing users, the environment, flooding and public safety. Therefore there are very few locations along Melbourne's waterways where a jetty or mooring would be considered suitable.

Contact us

If you have any questions or just want to discuss your idea for a jetty or mooring please contact:

[Parks Victoria](#) 13 1963

[Melbourne Water](#) 9235 1414

[DSE](#) 13 6186

[AAV](#) 1800 762 003

And don't forget your local council.

The full guidelines are available at

melbournewater.com.au

parkweb.vic.gov.au



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A quick reference guide



The planning process in four steps

The planning process can be split into four key steps – approval must be granted at each step before moving onto the next step.

For more information please refer to Melbourne Water's and Park Victoria's Jetty Guidelines.



Floating Jetty



Fixed Jetty

STEP ONE

PRE APPLICATION

Before deciding to build a jetty, you should have a discussion with the following agencies:

- › Parks Victoria
- › The registered Aboriginal Party
- › Aboriginal Affairs Victoria
- › Melbourne Water
- › The local council
- › Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE)

You should check with each of the above agencies to make sure that there is no in principal objection to building a jetty or mooring in the location you suggest, by submitting conceptual plans.

They will all provide advice about:

- › What is needed to progress the proposal, e.g. Public Land Manager consent; or
- › Why the proposal can not be supported.
- › 'In principle' approval for conceptual plans prior to step 2.

STEP TWO

STATUTORY PLANNING

Any jetty proposal requires a planning permit from the local council. It is likely that the permit application will be referred to any of the agencies, listed in step 1, who may include conditions on the permit.

STEP THREE

LICENCE & WORKS APPROVALS

Once you have a planning permit, detailed design plans should be submitted to Melbourne Water and Parks Victoria for approval. This is in accordance with the jetty guidelines available online at melbournewater.com.au and parkweb.vic.gov.au

STEP FOUR

CONSTRUCTION

Any construction must be consistent with your planning and design. You must also commit to the ongoing management and maintenance of the structure.

Assessing Your Application

Each proposal will be considered to decide:

- › The intended purpose of the structure and the scope and scale of works proposed;
- › If there will be any cultural or environmental impacts, e.g. vegetation removal or bank stabilisation works;
- › Any impact on water flow and depth.

Planning Criteria

There are a number of factors taken into account, such as: who owns the land; where it is located; whether or not there will be cultural and environmental impacts; and public safety.

Design Criteria

Design proposals need to address several criteria including: size; location; materials; signage and lighting; and what the jetty or mooring would look like.

For full information about the requirements for each step, please refer to Melbourne Water's and Park Victoria's Jetty Guidelines.