

COUNCIL MARINAS POWER POLICY FAQ's



Following the adoption at council of the Marina Power Policy and the newsletter release to our berth holders, we have captured and clarified some of the frequently asked questions below in hope we can reduce confusion around the compliancy requirements moving forward.

Please remember the policy was implemented to provide a safe environment for berth holders and Marina staff, and implementation of the policy will be a gradual roll out. Council will work with berth holders over an extended period of time to address any concerns.

What do I need to do?

If you intend to use shore power, you need to provide Council with proof your vessel is safe via a letter or inspection sheet from a qualified electrical contractor to certify the vessel is safe; and ensure you only use a compliant power lead which is identified with a current test and tag label at the shore end. If you need to use the shore power whilst not at the marina, you also need to request Council's permission in writing. If approved Council will affix a green tag on your lead.

When do I have to do this; and how often?

For safety reasons we ask this be completed as soon as possible. However, we do understand the current Covid-19 restrictions will make this difficult for some to achieve.

We will be very considerate of time frames for compliance to be met. Please let us know if you have any concerns and we will work with you to reach a reasonable outcome towards compliance to the policy. Test and tag inspections are to be conducted annually. The vessel certification is needed in this first instance and if electrical contractors perform work on your vessel.

Why the need for a power policy?

The goal is for council to provide a safe environment for staff and berth holders. We have been advised by contractors that there are some serious safety issues on-board a number of vessels. We are not electrical contractors and do not have knowledge of your vessel's maintenance schedule, therefore the policy ensures qualified personal certify every vessel in the marina is electrically safe.

What is considered a safe vessel?

Most marina electricians we have spoken with consider it is mostly common sense such as no exposed wiring, no sign of heat damage, etc. Other ideal considerations are the presence of the vessel's own safety switch and galvanic isolation as well as regular test and tag of the power lead.

When will I receive a response in regards to my written request or proof of safety?

Thank you to all berth holders who have already provided documentation. We will endeavour to reply to all requests as soon as possible.

What is considered an acceptable reason to have power supply?

Each written request will be assessed on a case-by-case basis. To support your case, we would expect that you or your delegate would be checking your vessel frequently, the power is required to run an integral system on your vessel, or something to that effect. Please provide as much information in your written request as possible to allow council to make an appropriately informed decision.

What happens if my lead is 'red tagged'?

this means your vessel is either connected to power without approval or your lead is not compliant. You will be contacted by council officers when the tag is placed on your lead and provide guidance to address the issue or risk.

What happens if my shared outlet is full of other users leads?

if you are unable to use a different power head, please contact Council on 03 5153 9500. It is not recommended you remove anyone's leads.

If you have further questions, please call Belinda on 03 5153 9500