

## Use of remote controlled boats on Seqwater lakes

Seqwater strives to balance the ongoing health of the catchments and quality of the region's drinking water supply while providing access to a range of land and water-based activities at our dams, lakes and parks.

We partner with a variety of stakeholders to achieve a whole-of-catchment approach to water quality, while providing a safe and secure bulk water supply.

### Background

A remote-controlled boat is an unmanned water vessel other than a floating unpowered toy.

The boat is controlled by radio without the aid of external lines or cables. All boats must be propelled by water reaction and able to be stopped by transmitter control. (Information gathered from the *Australian Model Power Boat Association (AMPBA) Official Rule Book, effective from July 2021*).



### Policy position

Electric and/or petrol remote control boating is permitted at the sites listed on the following page.

The use of a remote-controlled boat is subject to the requirements set out below for everyone's safety.

A remote-controlled boat must not be operated:

- in a way that creates a hazard or endangers public safety
- in contradiction of any regulation set by a local authority or agency for the purpose of racing or organised events (refer to event application form)
- in a manner that exceeds the AMPBA guidelines for noise and size
- in a high-risk zone, such as designated swimming areas, around water quality sensors, intake towers, boat ramps, dam walls or areas of high boating use.

Operators of remote-controlled boats must:

- respect the privacy and comfort of visitors
- consider their legal obligations when operating
- be familiar with all rules and/or regulations relating to the safe operation of a remote-controlled boat.

Operators not complying with the requirements may be asked to stop operating the remote controlled boat and/or to leave the recreation area.

Access to recreation areas is subject to Seqwater's opening hours and general rules of access, available on the Seqwater website.

All commercial activities (e.g. filming, still photography and racing or display events) may only occur at recreation sites with Seqwater's prior approval, and may be subject to the payment of fees. Contact us in the first instance if you wish to operate outside a recreation area or close to Seqwater infrastructure.

Details of recreation areas, opening hours and application forms for commercial activities or events can be found online at [www.seqwater.com.au](http://www.seqwater.com.au)

## For more information:

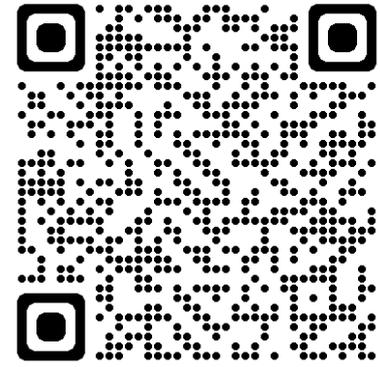
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## Electric/petrol remote controlled boat usage at Seqwater lakes

This guide is for individual use and not for event based activities. Access is determined through current site usage and the type of recreational activities permitted at the lake.

Lake	Petrol	Electric
Cooloolabin Dam	No	No
Enoggera Reservoir	No	No
Ewen Maddock Dam	No	No
Gold Creek Dam	No	No
Hinze Dam	No	Yes
Lake Atkinson	Yes	Yes
Lake Baroon	No	Yes
Lake Borumba	No	No
Lake Dyer	Yes	Yes
Lake Kurwongbah	Yes	Yes
Lake Macdonald	No	Yes
Lake Manchester	No	No
Lake Maroon	Yes	Yes
Lake Moogerah	Yes	Yes
Lake Samsonvale	No	No
Lake Somerset	Yes	Yes
Lake Wivenhoe	No	Yes
Wappa Dam	No	No
Wyralong Dam	No	Yes

NB: Current as at March 2023.