

MEDIA STATEMENT

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New speed limit on Lake Proserpine (Peter Faust Dam)

- Maritime Safety Queensland (MSQ) has introduced a new six-knot speed limit for vessels using the waters adjacent to the public use area of Lake Proserpine (Peter Faust Dam).
- The new six-knot speed zone will help prevent marine incidents in the popular multi-use areas of the shoreline, boat ramp, jetty and pontoon where boats interact with persons in the water.
- MSQ introduced the new speed zone following consultation with the public and stakeholders last year.

Maritime Safety Queensland (MSQ) has moved to improve safety by reducing vessel speed limits on the most popular section of Lake Proserpine, also known as Peter Faust Dam, to six knots.

The maritime regulator has gazetted the waters from the shoreline of the dam's heavy use area out to approximately 100 metres as a six-knot zone.

This area is often congested with motorised recreational vessels, fishing vessels, passive craft, anchored vessels and swimmers, including families with small children.

Reducing the speed limit will provide vessel operators with more time to make safe decisions.

Having the area marked by buoys will also provide them with a clear, visible reference to help them comply with "distance off" rules from other lake users.

MSQ will install signs with diagrams of the new six-knot zone near the boat ramp and public facilities so that users can familiarise themselves with the area before entering the water.

Quotes attributable to the Transport and Main Roads Minister Bart Mellish:

"This new six-knot zone is needed because Lake Proserpine has become increasingly popular area with boaties, campers, families, water skiers and others in recent times.

"There were growing community concerns that having no speed limit in place around its most popular shoreline was a recipe for serious injury, or worse.

"MSQ consulted with the public and key stakeholders including Council, Sunwater and the Whitsunday Water Police, and found solid support for introducing a six-knot zone.

"The introduction of this new six-knot zone will potentially save lives, but MSQ is taking a balanced approach for the whole lake by restricting the minimum area necessary for safety".

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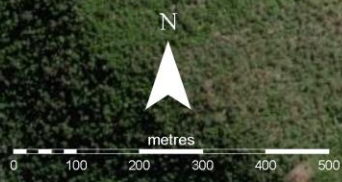
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Lake Proserpine

Peter Faust Dam

Proserpine River



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 6 knot speed zone 
 The area may vary from approximately 60m to 100m from the shore or reeds line.

Esri imagery 2022

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Speed restriction for all vessels under the
Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Regulation 2004

LAKE PROSERPINE - PETER FAUST DAM
Six knot speed restriction (all vessels)

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