

# Fact Sheet

## 2016-17 Boating & Swimming Zone Review - Port Phillip and Western Port

Parks Victoria has been receiving feedback regarding improvements to boating & swimming zones in Port Phillip and Western Port and is proposing changes to some existing and still to be implemented zones. Community consultation is an important part of the process to develop more effective boating and swimming zones.

### What's ahead?

#### Improved safety

Parks Victoria is the local port manager of Port Phillip, Western Port and Port Campbell and responsible for making sure port operations are safe, efficient and effective. Boating Zones are used to improve safety for swimmers and vessel operators in the local port.

In 2009 Parks Victoria completed a comprehensive two-year review of all boating and swimming zones across Port Phillip and Western Port to determine what zone types were required in each local area around Port Phillip and Western Port to allow safe access and use of the coast and waterways. The review utilised community consultation, a standard set of zones, and criteria for Boating Zones. The review was detailed in the Parks Victoria Boating Zones Review Report delivered by BECA in 2009.

Parks Victoria has worked in partnership with Maritime Safety Victoria and in consultation with the local community to apply these zones in five stages across Port Phillip and Western Port. Four of the five stages have now been delivered as funding was made available.

You can learn more about boating and swimming zones around Port Phillip and Western Port here: [www.parks.vic.gov.au/boatzones](http://www.parks.vic.gov.au/boatzones)

### Parks Victoria periodically assesses boating and swimming zones to ensure they best reflect a wide variety of recreational pursuits.

Port Phillip and Western Port beaches are world famous, popular all year and experience periods of intense use over summer. Users range from local residents to participants in international events hosted by local clubs. The popularity of different beach activities is influenced by many factors and change can be driven by shifts in:

- The number of local residents and visitors using an area (e.g. higher density housing)
- Better access and transport (e.g. East Link and Peninsula Link)
- New recreations and technologies (e.g. popularity of Stand Up Paddleboards)
- Beach and shore profiles (e.g. changes due to storm activity in winter 2016)
- Shoreline facilities improvements (e.g. Improvements to Patterson River boat ramps)



#### Improvement Process 2016-17

Individual boating and swimming zone users, informal user groups, local governments managing foreshores and Victorian recreation peak bodies have suggested improvements to the existing boating zones.

To propose or amend boating and swimming zone rules, Parks Victoria works with Maritime Safety Victoria (MSV), the state-wide regulator.

Steps include:

- A newspaper public notice of the proposal to request the making of the rule
- 4 weeks public consultation
- Consideration and summary of submissions received during consultation
- A request to MSV to make a new waterway rule, explaining; how the rule will minimise risks, any alternative ways to address the matter; and expected benefits and costs of the proposed rule.

#### Providing Feedback

Please review the information provided overleaf and in detail at: [www.parks.vic.gov.au/boatzonereview](http://www.parks.vic.gov.au/boatzonereview). The feedback period opens on 16 November and closes on the 16 December 2016.

You can provide feedback by:

- Emailing your response to [boatingzonereview@parks.vic.gov.au](mailto:boatingzonereview@parks.vic.gov.au)
- Completing the online survey: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/boating\\_zone\\_review](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/boating_zone_review)
- Provide responses in writing to Boating Zone Review  
Parks Victoria 10/535 Bourke St Melbourne VICTORIA 3000.

- Register your interest only by providing your details to [boatingzonereview@parks.vic.gov.au](mailto:boatingzonereview@parks.vic.gov.au) to receive general updates regarding the review process.

## Key issues for review

Several adjustments are under review and some of the main discussion points are listed under each topic.

### Human powered paddlecraft and swimmers

Parks Victoria seeks feedback on allowing human powered paddlecraft to use Vessels Prohibited – (Swimming Only) Zones.

Human powered paddlecraft including Stand Up Paddleboards (SUPs), sit on kayaks, canoes, small dinghies, and surf skis are currently not able to be used in Vessels Prohibited – (Swimming Only) Zones.

- The popularity and availability of these paddlecraft have increased remarkably since 2009.
- Many users seek the safety of using these paddle craft close to local lifesaving clubs and away from powered vessels and sailing vessels.
- Other paddlecraft users enjoy longer journeys along the shore and feel unsafe going around the zone 200 or 500m from shore.
- Powered vessels and sailing boats operate at higher speeds outside the boating zones but must slow to 5 knots within 50m of another vessel including paddlecraft.
- Generally paddlecraft have right of way over powered vessels and sailing craft.

### Clarifying the naming of ‘Shared Windsports Zones’

Parks Victoria seeks feedback on renaming existing ‘Kite Boarding Zones’ to ‘Shared Windsports Zones’.

Signs, legislation and web information refer to these popular zones in an inconsistent fashion that does not properly recognise consistent use by windsurfers. ‘Shared Windsports’ is inclusive of kiteboarding and windsurfing and better informs other beach uses that both activities are welcome in the zone.

- During the 2009 Review Kiteboarding was gaining popularity rapidly and zones were provided to allow Kiteboarders to travel at more than 5 knots close to shore provided they were more than 50m from a swimmer.
- Generally beach conditions for swimming deteriorate (strong cross or onshore winds) as kiteboarding and windsurfing conditions improve. The ‘natural’ separation has worked well.
- Kiteboarders and Windsurfers share the zones provided and different sailing angles enable both groups to use the zone safety and simultaneously.
- Kiteboarding Victoria and Windsurfing Victoria support the renaming

### Zone boundary adjustments at Elwood, Brighton and Hampton

Parks Victoria seeks feedback on altering Vessels Prohibited (Swimming Only) Zones ‘Kite Boarding Zones’ (sometimes referred to as ‘Shared Windsports Zones’) and 5 Knot, within 200m of the shore Zones at Elwood, Brighton and Hampton.

Windsurfing and Kiteboarding are popular at these sites when winds are stronger and cross or onshore. Generally, use by swimmers decreases in these conditions. Alterations to the boundaries of the zones in the area are expected to improve safety for shared windsports enthusiasts and better enable them to stay clear of Vessels Prohibited (Swimming Only) Zones.

You can view explanatory maps for Elwood Brighton and Hampton at: [www.parks.vic.gov.au/boatzonereview](http://www.parks.vic.gov.au/boatzonereview)

### Additions to Vessels Prohibited (Swimming Only) Zones

Parks Victoria seeks feedback on altering ‘Vessels Prohibited (Swimming Only) Zones’ and ‘5 Knot, within 200m of the shore Zones’ Additions to the ‘Vessels Prohibited (Swimming Only) Zones’ are suggested to better align them with beach access, local parking and nearby parks. ‘Vessels Prohibited (Swimming Only) Zones’ remain very popular and additions will provide more opportunities for safer swimming away from sailing and powered vessels. These zones are generally located near good access and often adjacent to a local surf lifesaving club.

You can view the proposed changes for Chelsea, Bonbeach, Aspendale, Carrum, Portarlington Harbour additions here: [www.parks.vic.gov.au/boatzonereview](http://www.parks.vic.gov.au/boatzonereview)

### Personal Water Craft Prohibited Zones at Carrum and Shoreham

Parks Victoria seeks feedback on retaining existing ‘Personal Water Craft Prohibited Zones’. These zones are in place north and south of the Patterson River at Carrum in Port Phillip and at Shoreham and the 2009 BECA report detailed replacing them with combinations of ‘Vessels Prohibited (Swimming Only) Zones’ and ‘5 Knot, within 200m of the shore Zones’. Currently the zones recommended in the BECA report, and agreed in principle by Maritime Safety Victoria (MSV) have not been implemented. Local community expectations and use in the area by PWC operators reflects the current arrangements. Parks Victoria seeks feedback on maintaining the current approach and not implementing the BECA recommendations.

You can view the Patterson River and Shoreham zones here: [www.parks.vic.gov.au/boatzonereview](http://www.parks.vic.gov.au/boatzonereview)



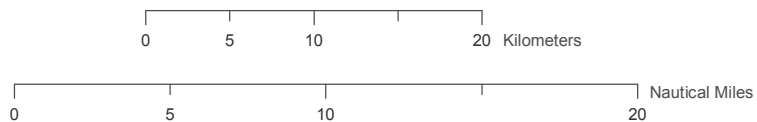


# Overview

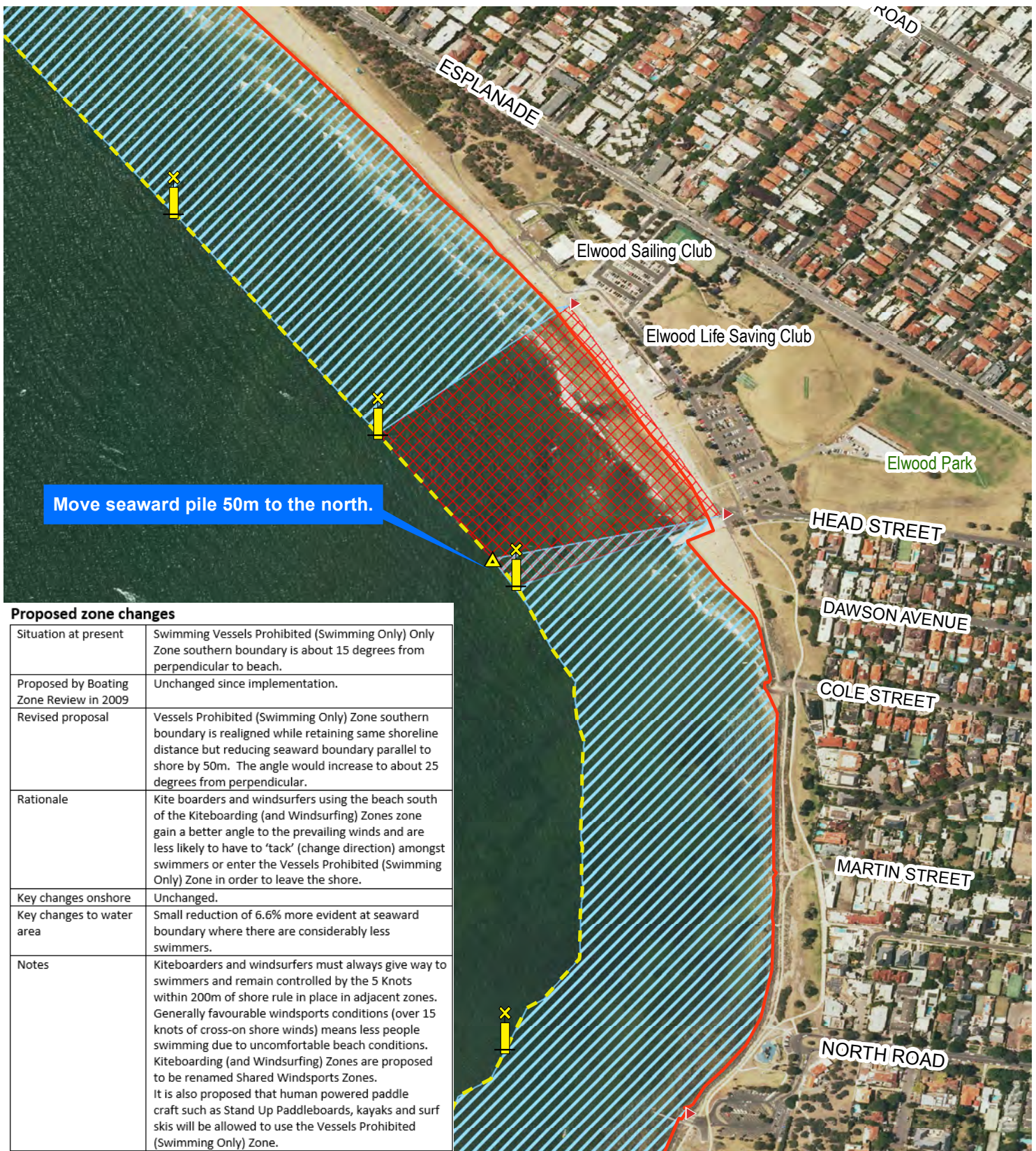
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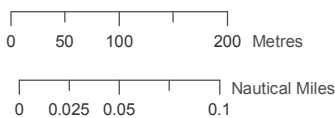


Proposed zone changes	
Situation at present	Swimming Vessels Prohibited (Swimming Only) Only Zone southern boundary is about 15 degrees from perpendicular to beach.
Proposed by Boating Zone Review in 2009	Unchanged since implementation.
Revised proposal	Vessels Prohibited (Swimming Only) Zone southern boundary is realigned while retaining same shoreline distance but reducing seaward boundary parallel to shore by 50m. The angle would increase to about 25 degrees from perpendicular.
Rationale	Kite boarders and windsurfers using the beach south of the Kiteboarding (and Windsurfing) Zones zone gain a better angle to the prevailing winds and are less likely to have to 'tack' (change direction) amongst swimmers or enter the Vessels Prohibited (Swimming Only) Zone in order to leave the shore.
Key changes onshore	Unchanged.
Key changes to water area	Small reduction of 6.6% more evident at seaward boundary where there are considerably less swimmers.
Notes	Kiteboarders and windsurfers must always give way to swimmers and remain controlled by the 5 Knots within 200m of shore rule in place in adjacent zones. Generally favourable windsports conditions (over 15 knots of cross-on shore winds) means less people swimming due to uncomfortable beach conditions. Kiteboarding (and Windsurfing) Zones are proposed to be renamed Shared Windsports Zones. It is also proposed that human powered paddle craft such as Stand Up Paddleboards, kayaks and surf skis will be allowed to use the Vessels Prohibited (Swimming Only) Zone.

# Elwood

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### Proposed

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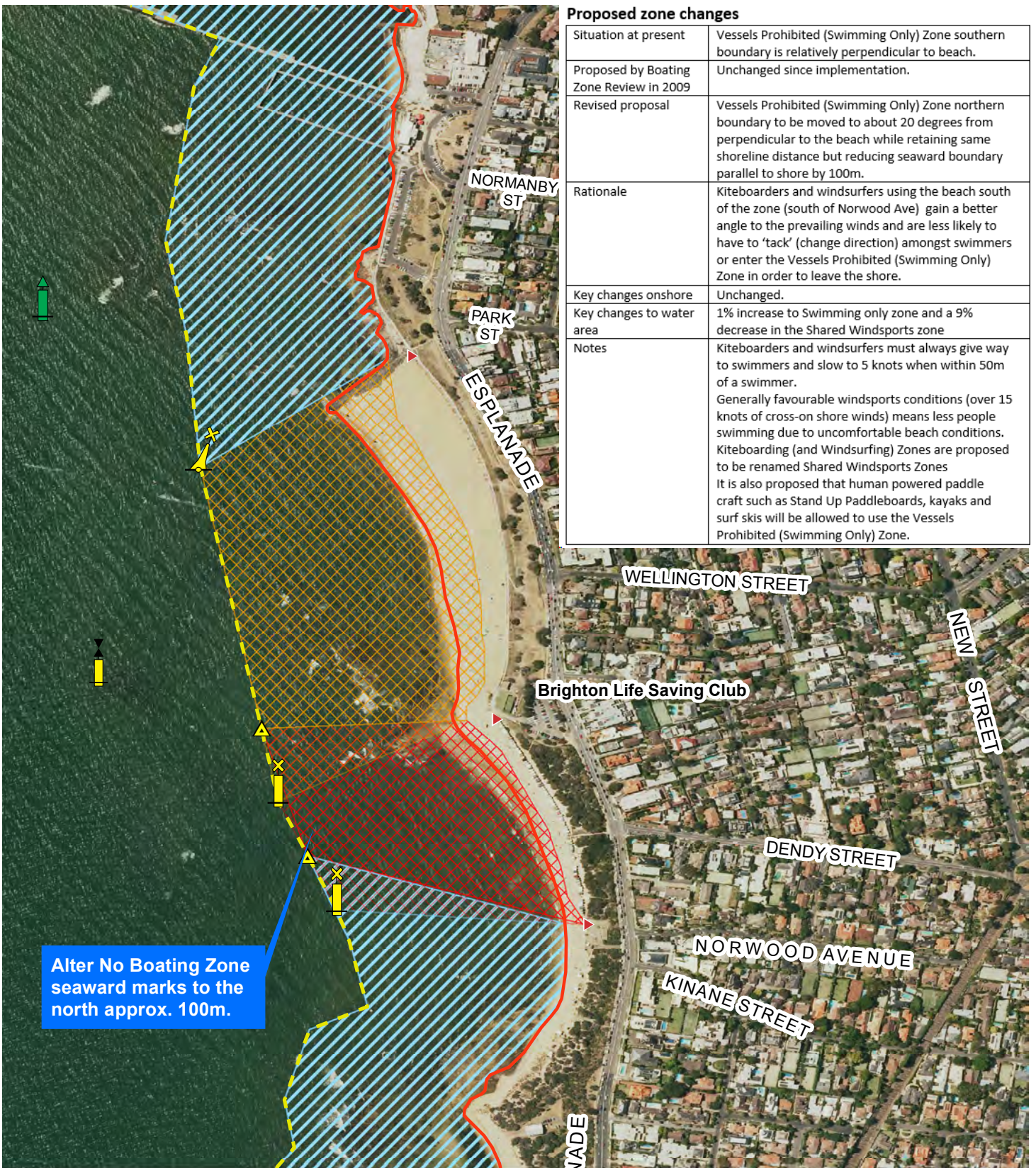
### Existing

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### Boating Zones

- 5 knot speed zone
- No Personal Watercraft
- Shared Windsports
- Vessels Prohibited (Swimming Only)
- Boating Only
- Water ski access

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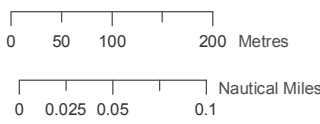
**Proposed zone changes**

Situation at present	Vessels Prohibited (Swimming Only) Zone southern boundary is relatively perpendicular to beach.
Proposed by Boating Zone Review in 2009	Unchanged since implementation.
Revised proposal	Vessels Prohibited (Swimming Only) Zone northern boundary to be moved to about 20 degrees from perpendicular to the beach while retaining same shoreline distance but reducing seaward boundary parallel to shore by 100m.
Rationale	Kiteboarders and windsurfers using the beach south of the zone (south of Norwood Ave) gain a better angle to the prevailing winds and are less likely to have to 'tack' (change direction) amongst swimmers or enter the Vessels Prohibited (Swimming Only) Zone in order to leave the shore.
Key changes onshore	Unchanged.
Key changes to water area	1% increase to Swimming only zone and a 9% decrease in the Shared Windsports zone
Notes	Kiteboarders and windsurfers must always give way to swimmers and slow to 5 knots when within 50m of a swimmer. Generally favourable windsports conditions (over 15 knots of cross-on shore winds) means less people swimming due to uncomfortable beach conditions. Kiteboarding (and Windsurfing) Zones are proposed to be renamed Shared Windsports Zones It is also proposed that human powered paddle craft such as Stand Up Paddleboards, kayaks and surf skis will be allowed to use the Vessels Prohibited (Swimming Only) Zone.

# Brighton

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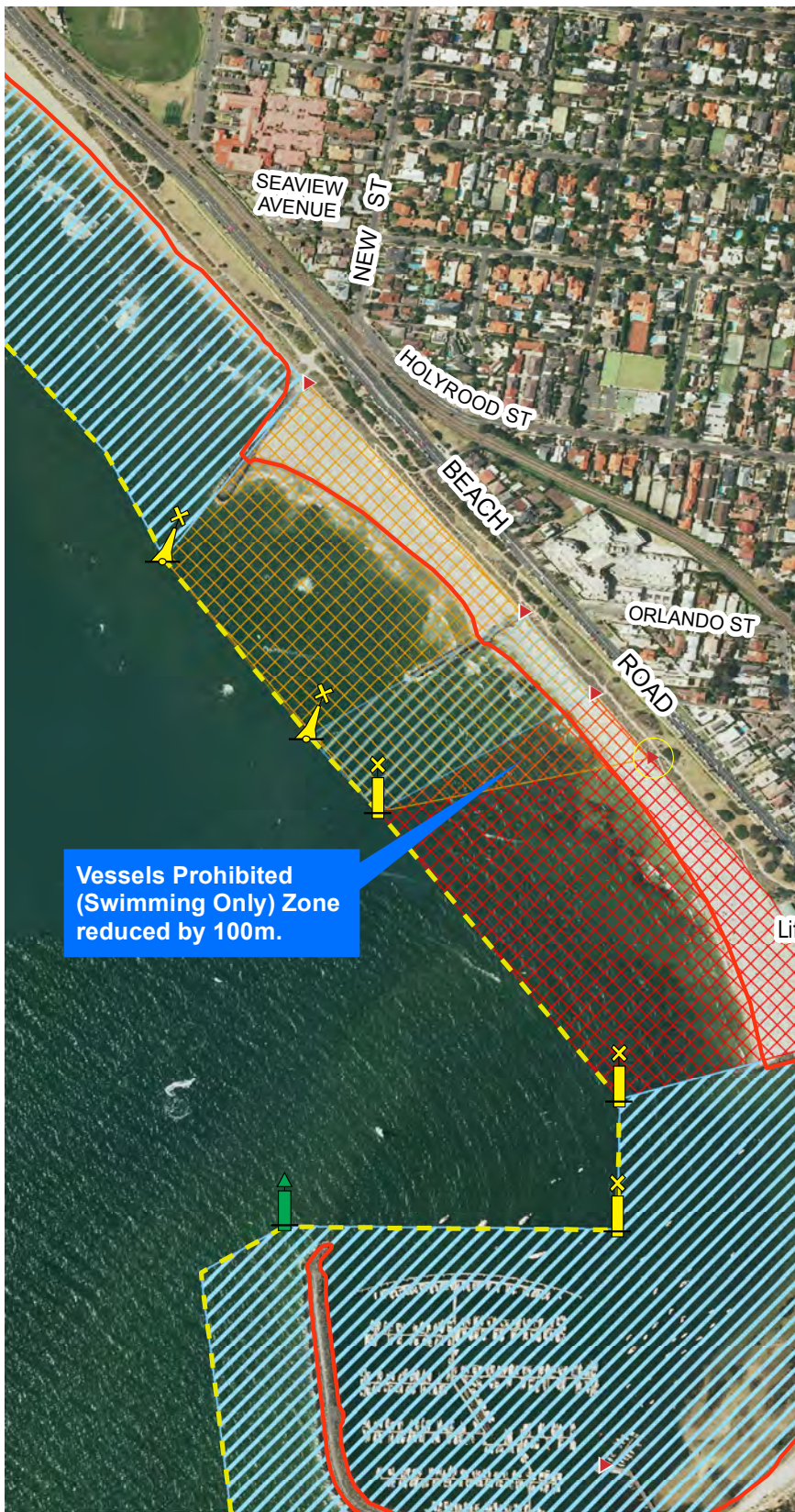
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**Boating Zones**

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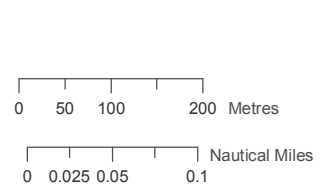
**Proposed zone changes**

Situation at present	Vessels Prohibited (Swimming Only) Zone and a smaller 5 knot 200m from shore zone between larger 5 knot 200m from Shore Zone to the north and a large Vessels Prohibited (Swimming Only) Zone to the south. Boundaries are relatively perpendicular to beach.
Proposed by Boating Zone Review in 2009	Unchanged since implementation.
Revised proposal	Smaller 5 knot zone is converted and added to a Kiteboarding (and Windsurfing) Zone. Southern boundary is altered to about 20 degrees perpendicular to the beach and utilises and additional 100m of shoreline.
Rationale	Kite boarders and windsurfers using the beach south of the zone gain a better angle to the prevailing winds and are less likely to have to 'tack' (change direction) amongst swimmers or enter the Vessels Prohibited (Swimming Only) Zone in order to leave the shore. Enables windsports participants to more safely clear Orlando Street Groyne in typical winds. This site has increased significantly in popularity as a windsports venue.
Key changes onshore	Kiteboarding (and Windsurfing) Zone utilises a further approx. 210m of beach. Vessels Prohibited (Swimming Only) Zone shore is reduced by approx. 90m. Vessels travelling at 5 knots or less can still access the shore immediately south of Orlando St.
Key changes to water area	Small reduction of 10.5% of the area of the Vessels Prohibited (Swimming Only) Zone.
Notes	Kiteboarders and windsurfers must always give way to swimmers and remain controlled by the 5 Knots within 50m of swimmer rule and Vessels Prohibited (Swimming Only) Zone rules in place. Vessels may come ashore in Shared Windsports Zones. Vessel travelling at 5 knots or less can still access via the Kiteboarding (and Windsurfing) Zone shore including a short section of shore immediately south of Orlando St. Generally favourable windsports conditions (over 15 knots of cross-on shore winds) means less people swimming due to uncomfortable beach conditions. Kiteboarding (and Windsurfing) Zones are proposed to be renamed Shared Windsports Zones. It is also proposed that human powered paddle craft such as Stand Up Paddleboards, kayaks and surf skis will be allowed to use the Vessels Prohibited (Swimming Only) Zone.

# Hampton

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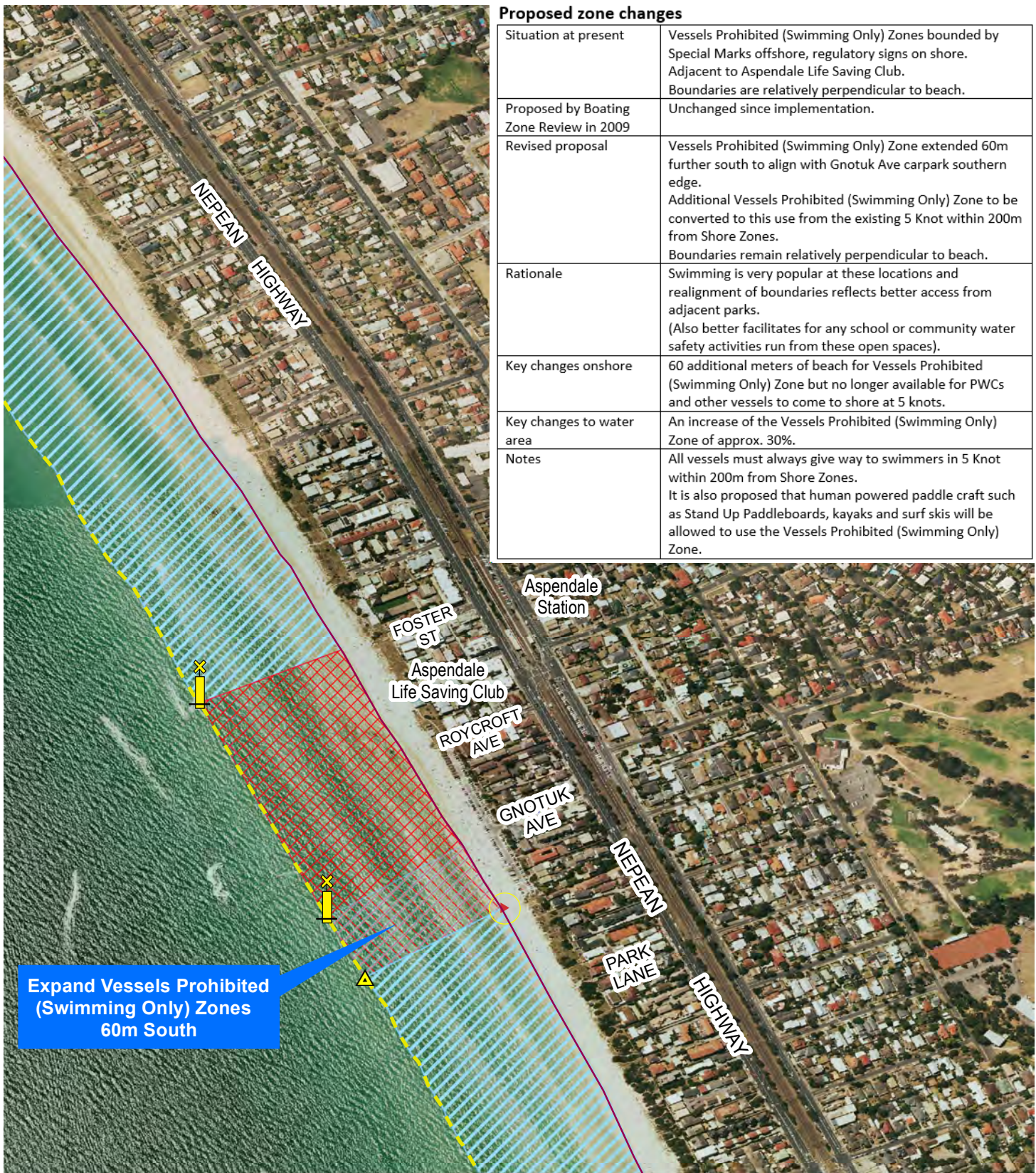
**Boating Zones**

- 5 knot speed zone
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### Proposed zone changes

Situation at present	Vessels Prohibited (Swimming Only) Zones bounded by Special Marks offshore, regulatory signs on shore. Adjacent to Aspendale Life Saving Club. Boundaries are relatively perpendicular to beach.
Proposed by Boating Zone Review in 2009	Unchanged since implementation.
Revised proposal	Vessels Prohibited (Swimming Only) Zone extended 60m further south to align with Gnotuk Ave carpark southern edge. Additional Vessels Prohibited (Swimming Only) Zone to be converted to this use from the existing 5 Knot within 200m from Shore Zones. Boundaries remain relatively perpendicular to beach.
Rationale	Swimming is very popular at these locations and realignment of boundaries reflects better access from adjacent parks. (Also better facilitates for any school or community water safety activities run from these open spaces).
Key changes onshore	60 additional meters of beach for Vessels Prohibited (Swimming Only) Zone but no longer available for PWCs and other vessels to come to shore at 5 knots.
Key changes to water area	An increase of the Vessels Prohibited (Swimming Only) Zone of approx. 30%.
Notes	All vessels must always give way to swimmers in 5 Knot within 200m from Shore Zones. It is also proposed that human powered paddle craft such as Stand Up Paddleboards, kayaks and surf skis will be allowed to use the Vessels Prohibited (Swimming Only) Zone.

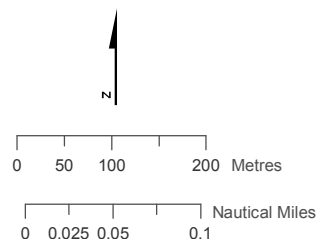


## Gnotuk Ave Aspendale

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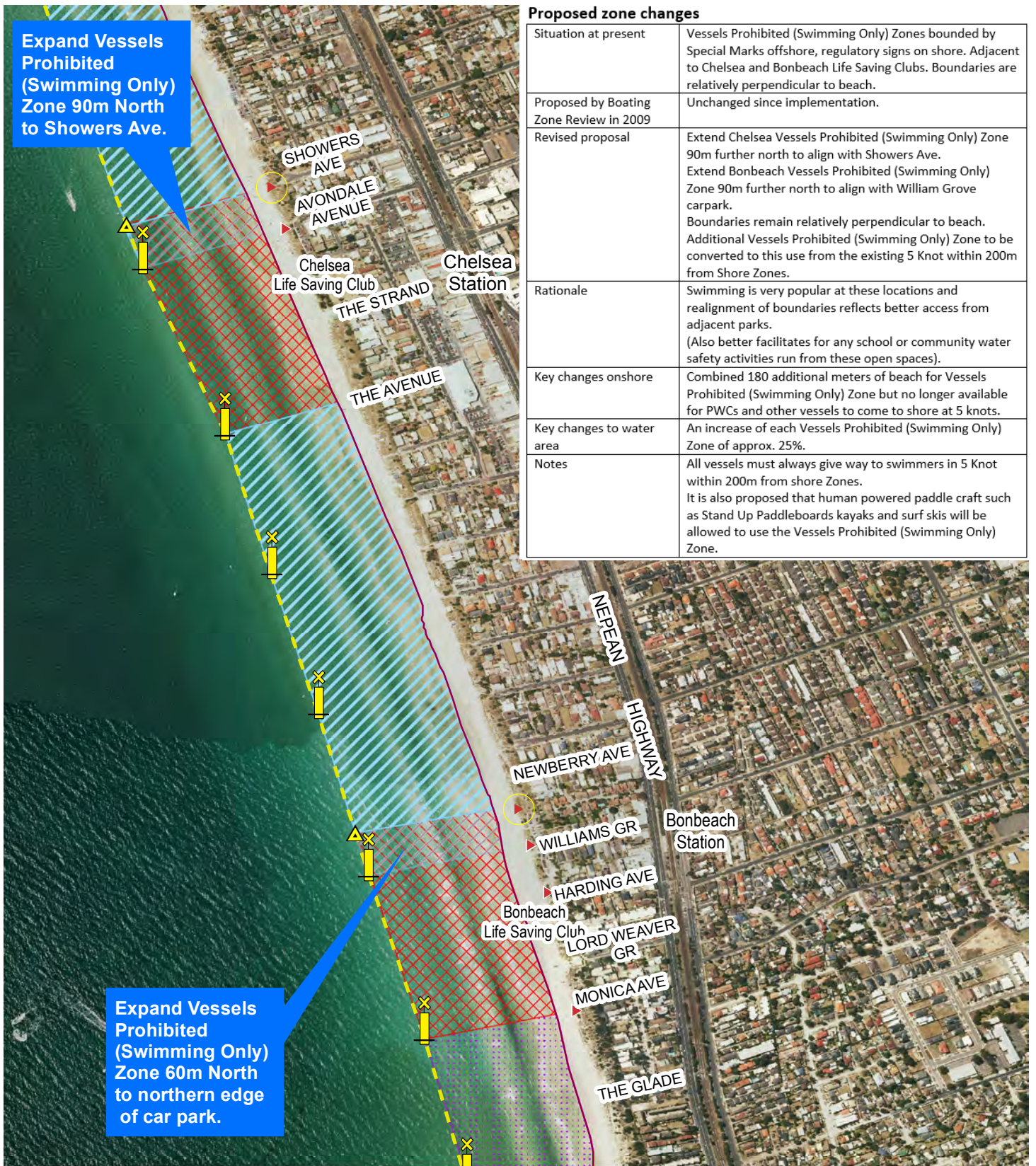
### Proposed

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### Boating Zones

- 5 knot speed Zone
- No Personal Water Craft
- Kiteboarding (and Windsurfing) Zone
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# Chelsea Bonbeach

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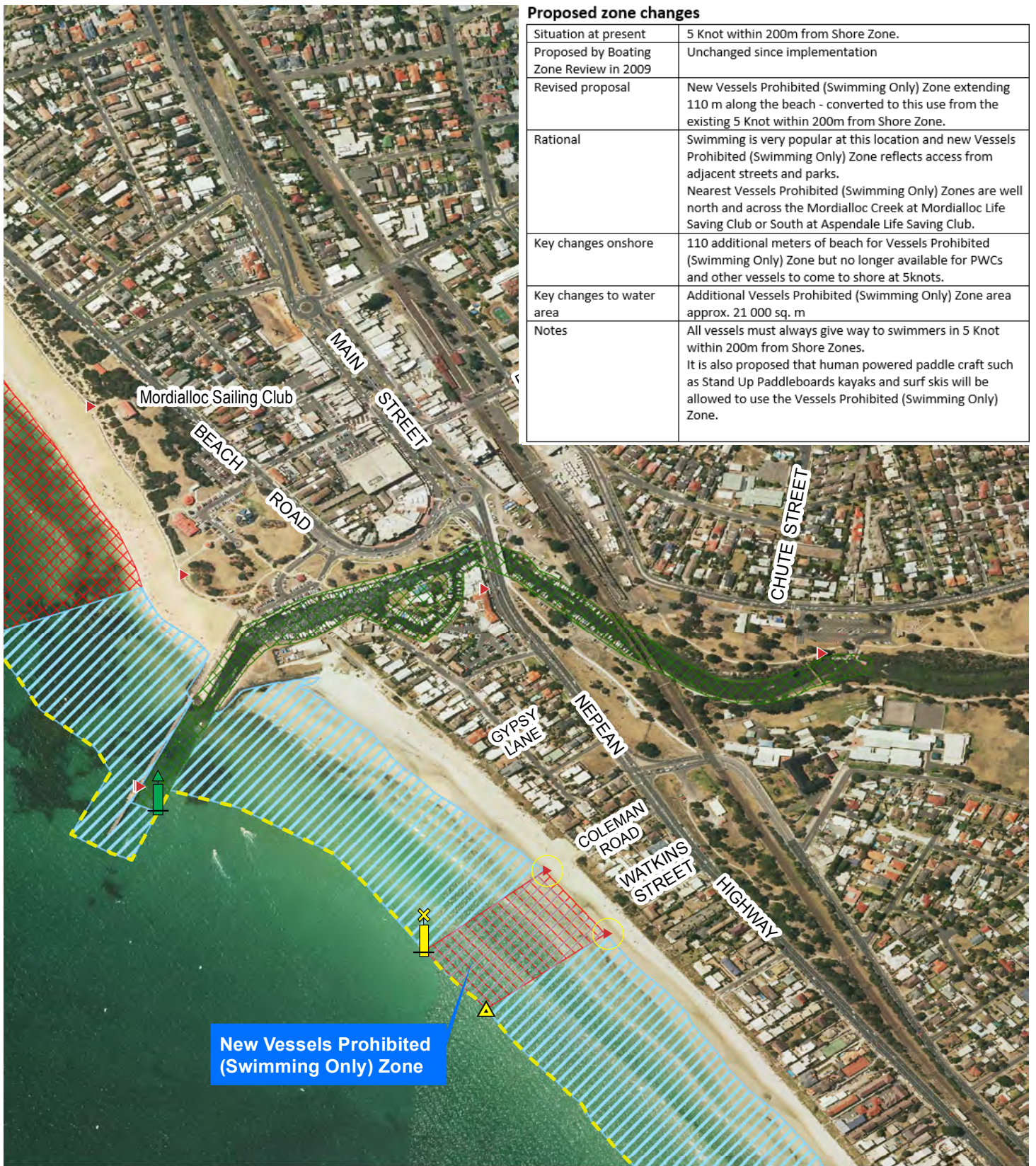
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## Boating Zones

- 5 knot speed Zone
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**Proposed zone changes**

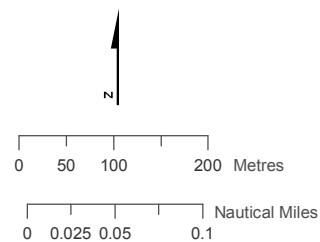
Situation at present	5 Knot within 200m from Shore Zone.
Proposed by Boating Zone Review in 2009	Unchanged since implementation
Revised proposal	New Vessels Prohibited (Swimming Only) Zone extending 110 m along the beach - converted to this use from the existing 5 Knot within 200m from Shore Zone.
Rational	Swimming is very popular at this location and new Vessels Prohibited (Swimming Only) Zone reflects access from adjacent streets and parks. Nearest Vessels Prohibited (Swimming Only) Zones are well north and across the Mordialloc Creek at Mordialloc Life Saving Club or South at Aspendale Life Saving Club.
Key changes onshore	110 additional meters of beach for Vessels Prohibited (Swimming Only) Zone but no longer available for PWCs and other vessels to come to shore at 5knots.
Key changes to water area	Additional Vessels Prohibited (Swimming Only) Zone area approx. 21 000 sq. m
Notes	All vessels must always give way to swimmers in 5 Knot within 200m from Shore Zones. It is also proposed that human powered paddle craft such as Stand Up Paddleboards kayaks and surf skis will be allowed to use the Vessels Prohibited (Swimming Only) Zone.

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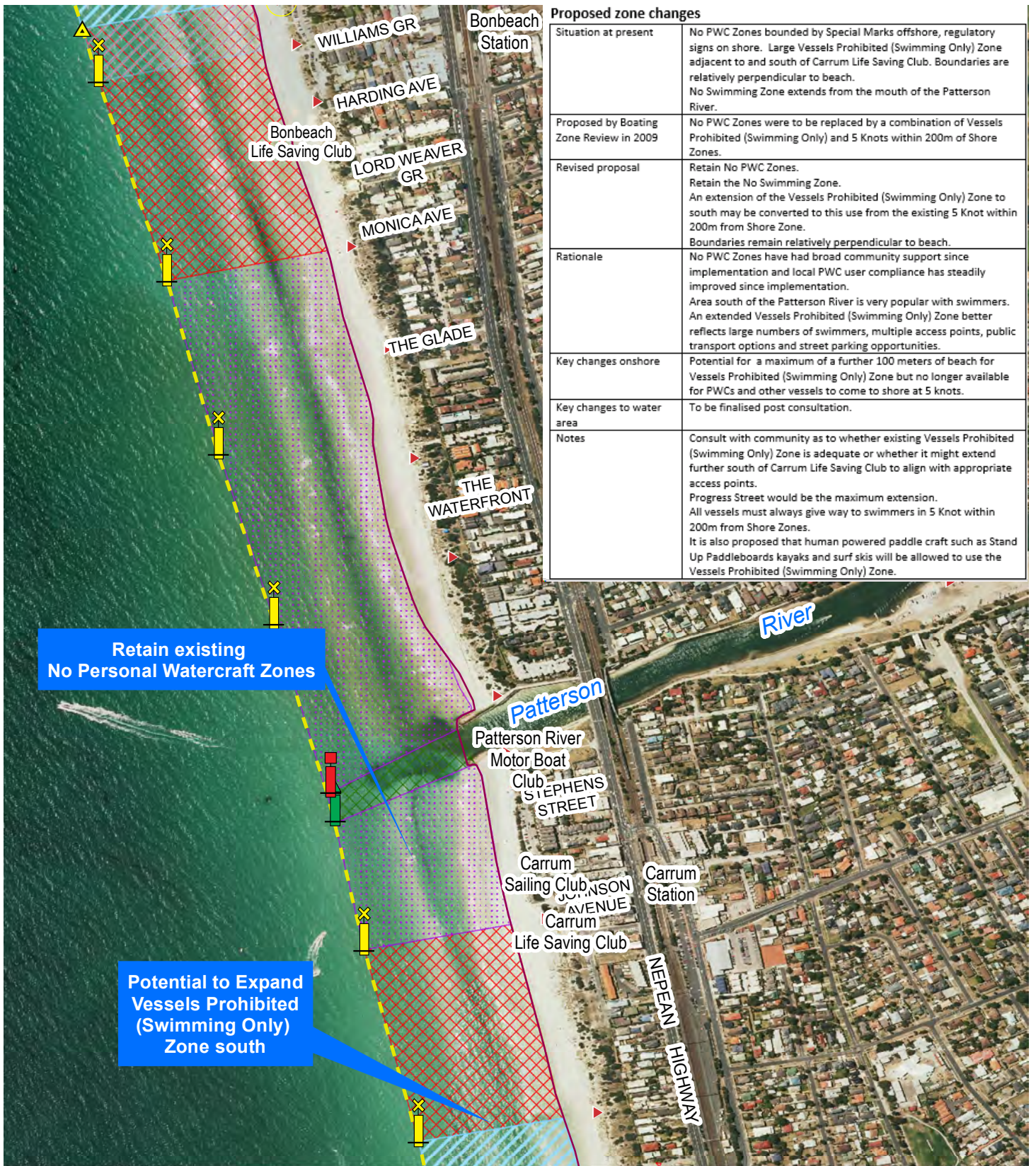
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**Boating Zones**

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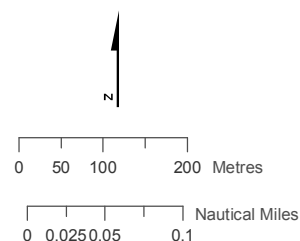


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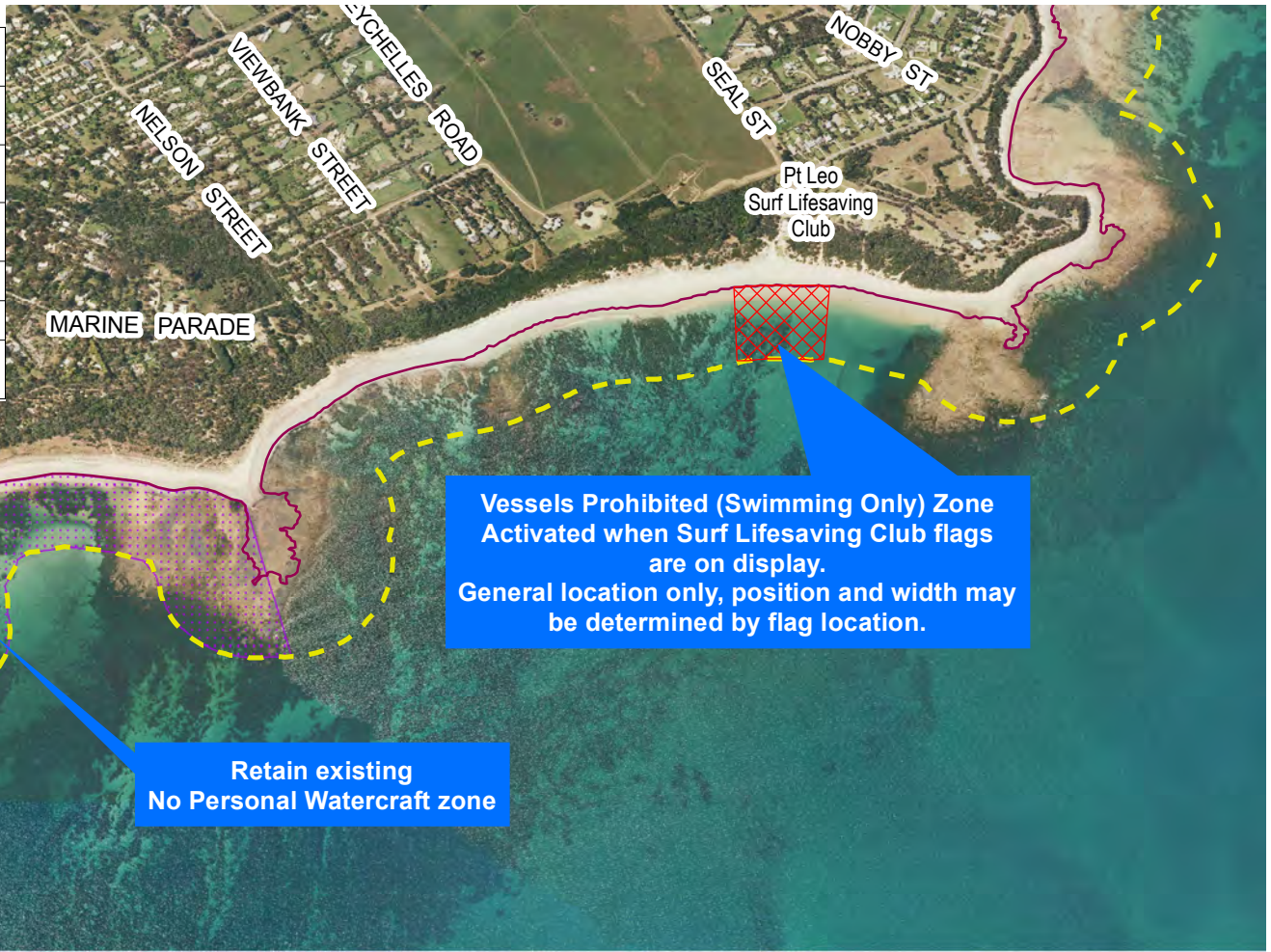
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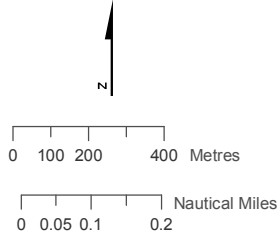
Situation at present	Special Marks offshore, that do not represent the whole zone which is actually considerably larger. Special Marks are subject to considerable 4m+ swell occasionally and therefore have a limited life span, regulatory signs on shore.
Proposed by Boating Zone Review in 2009	Remove the No PWC Zone, replace it with two Vessels Prohibited (Swimming Only) Zones separated by a 5 knot 'access lane' that would enable vessels including PWCs to leave and return to the beach.
Revised proposal	Retain the existing NO PWC Zone, no change. Over time remove existing special marks (when at the end of their service life) and provide leads to establish shore to seaward boundaries.
Rationale	The existing zone better separates swimmers, surfers from PWCs while enabling occasional small sailing and fishing vessels to launch and retrieve in low surf conditions. PWC launching can continue to be undertaken at Flinders or Stony Point.
Key changes onshore	No PWC Zone retained. Move to four shore placed leads over time.
Key changes to water area	No PWC Zone retained. Eventual removal of existing piles.
Notes	Very few PWC seaward visits from elsewhere. It may take some time to identify funds to remove existing special marks and replace them with simple shore leads.



# Shoreham

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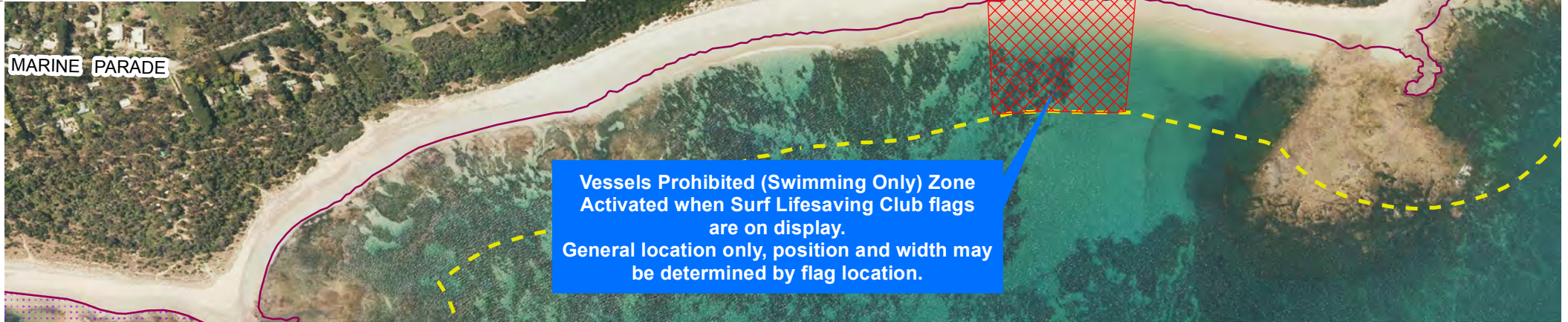
**Boating Zones**

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**Proposed zone changes**

Situation at present	Vessels must not exceed 5 knot within 50m of a swimmer. Exemptions for Life Saving vessels operating near swimmers during Surf Life Saving training activities is being addressed by Maritime Safety Victoria and Life Saving Victoria.
Proposed by Boating Zone Review in 2009	Vessels Prohibited (Swimming Only) Zone proposed near SLSC. In principle it was agreed that each Life Saving Club in the study area would be provided with a Vessels Prohibited (Swimming Only) Zone.
Revised proposal	Alternative Vessels Prohibited (Swimming Only) Zone activated by the presence of life saving beach flags. Year around Vessels Prohibited (Swimming Only) Zone proposed near SLSC is not required. Area is rarely visited by powered vessels as it is exposed to large swells, onshore winds and adjacent to inter-tidal reefs that make boating in the area hazardous. This proposal is reliant on MSV with LSV being able to provide an exemption for Life Saving Vessels operating close to swimmers during training.
Rationale	Physical and geographical aspects of the beach have proven to adequately separate swimmers and all vessels. A permanent Vessels Prohibited (Swimming Only) Zone may be misinterpreted as a safer place to swim on days when the beach is unpatrolled and hazardous.
Key changes onshore	Vessels Prohibited (Swimming Only) Zone activated by the presence of life saving beach flags.
Key changes to water area	Vessels Prohibited (Swimming Only) Zone activated by the presence of life savings beach flags.
Notes	Lifesaving Club has the ability to report any breaches of the Marine Safety Act in relation to vessels operating at speed close to swimmers - should this ever occur. No reports or incidents since proposed. State rule requiring vessel to slow to 5 Knots within 50m of a swimmer (includes surfers) still protects swimmers and surfers when zone is not activated.

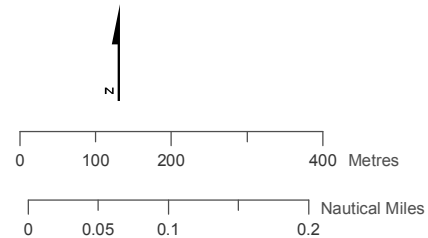


# Point Leo

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**Proposed**

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- Buoy
- Pile

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**Proposed zone changes**

Situation at present	A new, larger harbour is being developed. Previously the area was divided into a Vessels Prohibited (Swimming Only) Zone west of the Harbour, a No PWC Zone that included the harbour and 5 Knot within 200m from Shore Zones to the north and south. Additionally the rule slowing vessels to 5 knots within 50m of a structure shaped swimming and vessel operator's behaviours.
Proposed by Boating Zone Review in 2009	Unchanged since implementation.
Revised proposal	An inshore Vessels Prohibited (Swimming Only) Zone in the shallower water closer to shore. A Boating Only Zone in the operational harbour area and its approaches.
Rational	Swimming is very popular at this holiday location and new Vessels Prohibited (Swimming Only) Zone reflects access from adjacent streets and foreshore to the protected shallows formed by the harbour. There needs to be a very clear physical separation between swimming and boating. Additionally the harbour will be dredged to a maintained depth and there needs to be a clearly marked point beyond which the depth will increase rapidly. There are ample opportunities for vessels to come ashore north and south.
Key changes onshore	This area is being completely re-shaped, however it is proposed that there will continue to be swimming access to protected sandy shallows within the harbour.
Key changes to water area	Vessels will not be allowed to come ashore within the harbour.
Notes	All vessels must always give way to swimmers in 5 Knot within 200m from Shore Zones. It is also proposed that human powered paddle craft such as Stand Up Paddleboards kayaks and surf skis will be allowed to use the Vessels Prohibited (Swimming Only) Zone.

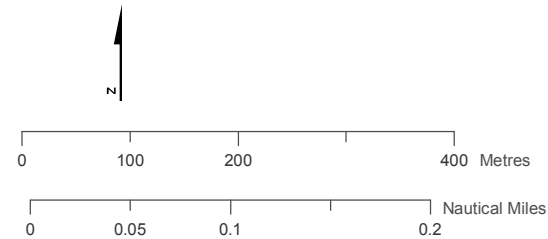


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