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Pontoons

Is Development Approval Required to install a Pontoon?

Yes - A property owner, with water frontage, is required to obtain a Development Approval and a Pontoon Permit to install a pontoon.

What is the assessment Process to be able to install a Pontoon?

The application and approval for a pontoon is a two stage process:

1. Development Approval Process

The first step is to obtain Development Approval from Council's Planning and Development Department.

To submit an application for approval you will need the following –

- [Lodge an Application](#) on the PlanSA website.
- The associated fees (these will be calculated following verification of your application) in accordance with the [PDI \(Fees, Charges and Contributions\) Regulations 2019](#).
- Site plan – minimum scale 1:200 showing your property, the location of all structures on site and the location and size of the pontoon.
- Plan view and elevations.
- Structural details and calculations for the pontoon including mooring and details for fixing the pontoon.
- A certificate from an independent Marine Architect to certify that the pontoon meets the current Australian Design Standards and is suitable for the location proposed.

Council has *Standard Pontoon Design Plans* available for purchase for \$150. They are available for two sizes 2.4m x 2.2m or 2.4m x 4.2m. These plans include acceptable moorings and methods of fixing the pontoon walkway to the lake edge.

Note –

- When using the *Standard Pontoon Design Plans* available from Council, the certificate from an independent expert is included.
- Pontoons are unlikely to be supported along rock edges.

2. Permit Process

As per [City of Charles Sturt By-laws 2021](#) a pontoon owner who has and maintains Public Liability Insurance Certificate for \$20 million is not required to obtain a formal permit.

Pontoon Maintenance

- Pontoon owners are responsible to maintain the pontoon to an acceptable condition and appearance.
- The owner's maintenance program must be inspected every two years by an independent technical expert and provide Council with the *"serviceability inspection report"*.

Note – A change of property ownership requires the new owner to obtain and maintain a valid Public Liability Insurance Certificate for \$20 million.