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QUESTION:

Do you think there is any advantage, either in cost saving or operational efficiency, in merging the operations of the Marine Parks Authority, the dept of fisheries, and N.S.W. waterways

ANSWER

From experience and by sheer presence I see the Waterways every time I am on the water, which to me means they are doing their job, they don't wield a big stick and prefer to caution and warn when they approach boats, and are very accommodating in both their approach to the public and I have found their office staff extremely confident and well organised. On several occasions there have been fisheries officers onboard m.s.b. vessels, checking bag limits whilst m.s.b. are doing safety checks. (lake Macquarie). Very rarely see fisheries and they have an attitude problem and are completely unreliable in my area. Marine Parks Authority are like traffic cops only interested in making a buck for the state government, and are both arrogant and abusive. They line up landmarks to fine people and can't even provide proof that you are actually in a marine park.

Definite cost savings can be made there are three organisations patrolling the same areas, taking up office space and employing too much dead wood who have their own agendas, as well as boats, cars etc.

Millions of dollars can be saved amalgamating the 3 departments into one and thus saving us the taxpayer even more taxes.

Personally I would sack every fishery officer starting in the fisheries dept in Sydney they are a law unto themselves, and treat the public as fools and a source of income, same with the marine parks authority.

Waterways personnel should multi skill like the rest of the workforce has to and take over the whole lot.

Their busiest time is on weekends when most people are out boating and fishing, during week days there aren't too many fishers and boaters around at all, so how do they fill their 8 hrs. in, multi skilling waterways would make a much more streamlined operation with all the information and decision making in the one location and probably give them a full 8 hrs. of work each day.

Also the waterways people work hand in hand with the coastal patrol people in marine rescue etc. and that can only help both the public and government of N.S.W.

Put the Waterways in charge and get rid of fisheries and the marine parks authority.

For inland waterways make national parks officers the fisheries inspectors.

Yours sincerely

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Fingal Bay

this area is also 40 meters out

navionics chart overlaid on the marine park map showing the massive mistake they have made in this area alone

40 meter mark

230 meters

480 meters

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