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## Anglers, boaties and shack owners rewarded for patience

Today's announcement that anglers, boaties and shack owners can safely travel outside their residential municipality for recreational trips from 3pm this Friday is welcome news ahead of the June long weekend.

The Tasmanian Liberal Government's number one priority has always been to keep Tasmanians safe and follow public health advice to protect coastal and small communities with higher levels of retirees.

I appreciate that some people have been frustrated by these limitations, but I am also proud that Tasmanians have stuck to the rules, which has enabled the opening up of these recreational pursuits state-wide from Friday afternoon – more than a week earlier than originally planned.

This long weekend will also be a fantastic opportunity for Tasmanians to now stay overnight at their shack, holiday home or camping site – a great chance for families to spend some quality time away from their home base and support regional communities.

While many boaties and anglers will be keen to wet a line, it is still vitally important that everyone maintains social distancing and uses common-sense. A special thank you to TARFish for consulting with us and representing your members throughout the state.

Please be patient if your preferred boat ramp is packed when you arrive and if you visit a local shop or service station, observe the distancing rules and remember to sanitise your hands and respect those communities by helping to keep everyone safe.

Once again, thank you to the fishing, boating and shack communities for your patience and understanding over the past weeks – Tasmania is now in a great position to begin the rebuilding phase and regional Tasmania will need your support.

For more information visit [www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au](http://www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au) and look for Road Map to Recovery Stage 2 restrictions for details.