I, Councillor Tim Baxter, give notice that I intend to move the Motion outlined below at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 06 March 2019:

That Council:-

1. Acknowledges the ongoing public concerns with Personal Water Crafts in relation to safety of swimmers and adherence to boating regulations.

2. Requests the CEO to write to the relevant State Ministers advocating for:
   2.1 Increased and targeted education of Personal Water Craft (PWC) or Jet Ski licence holders;
   2.2 Increased patrols and enforcement of the State’s waterway regulations at Elwood, St Kilda, Middle Park, South Melbourne, Port Melbourne and Sandridge Beaches;
   2.3 The exclusion of Personal Water Crafts (PWC) or Jet Skis within 200 metres adjoining City of Port Phillip beaches to improve safety.

Supporting Information

Personal Water Craft (PWC) or Jet Skis have been an ongoing concern to the public in relation to safety and adherence to boating regulations at Port Phillip’s beaches including Elwood, St Kilda, Middle Park, South Melbourne, Port Melbourne and Sandridge.

There have been increasing concerns with PWCs this summer from individual beach users and groups of residents potentially due to drought conditions reducing boating on inland waterways, increased number of PWCs and new PWC licences.

Concerns with PWCs from beach users include:

- non-compliance with PWCs entering swimming only/no boating zones;
- excessive speed, exceeding the 5 knot (8 kph) within 50 metres of swimmers, other vessels and fixed structures or exceeding the 5 knot (8 kph) within 200 metres of shore in shared boating and swimming zones;
- performing ‘doughnuts’ within 50m of swimmers or other water users; and
- public order or alcohol related incidents on the beaches from PWC groups.