

I OBJECT TO COASTAL MANAGEMENT SEPP

The NSW Government has not undertaken any due diligence on the data it has collected from Councils, Collingwood Beach being a case in point. As such the residents properties have been incorrectly mapped as being at risk.

Properties have been devalued because of inappropriate MAPPING and SLEP in the past and the proposed Coastal Reforms will do nothing to correct the errors of the past. They must not be allowed to proceed in their current format.

I have owned and with family and friends lived at Collingwood Beach for forty years. The flawed MAPPING and its consequences on the SEPP have caused much anxiety to my family and many other families at Collingwood.

Collingwood Beach is an accreting beach in an embayment and through a most successful beach scraping project and planting of grasses and low vegetation in 78 and the eighties Collingwood is not at risk. A draft Coastal Hazard Report placed on exhibition in January 2017, demonstrates the errors of the past and impact on residents properties from the SEPP. The local LEP and State Govt Mapping have not been updated for this latest Coastal Hazard Report.

The inaction by the bureaucrats from State Government and/or its agencies has permitted Shoalhaven Council to discourage, delay and neglect initiatives supported by residents and a majority of Councillors. Instead, Coastal Management for Collingwood Beach has become a focus on ideologies and politics as opposed to applying appropriate Risk Management.

We know the outcome of flawed MAPPING on the OEH site and inappropriate SEPP is:

- Lack of clarity on compensation for properties subject to planned retreat
- Threat by the State to take back properties which may become tidal without compensation
- Lack of notice to all owners who are or might be about to be subject to the MAPPING
- The MAPPING does not reflect the message that the Minister has been broadcasting to coastal communities, namely that science must be the foundation for solutions to coastal hazards.
- The 117 Direction is an incursion into rights of property owners, mostly still unaware that of the limitations for development on their titled land, if at all, since private coastal use is the last pass on the list of areas to take into consideration.
- Lack of priority to evidence based outcomes
- Lack of prioritisation on a State wide basis the funds available for managing the biggest risks.
- Lack of collaboration with the key stakeholders
- Waste spent on duplication of independent software mapping tools.
- Inappropriate timing and time frame for participation in the process. It has been a political stunt timing the process during a Christmas/Family holiday break.

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