

## DPE PS coastal Mailbox

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I am a primary school teacher in Byron Bay. I care about the future of our coastal areas, as there has recently been a strong push to develop these areas with little insight into the long-term effects.

I strongly object to the current defective planning process which waters down coastal protection and also request that DOPE:

- make available the methods statement they've used in their mapping so that the public and scientific community can properly assess the quality of the mapping
- demonstrates that the mapping method is consistent with industry 'best practice' standards including the use of field validation for all maps
- makes public the results of its full accuracy assessment and provides a clear statement of accuracy (how accurate and precise are the boundaries)
- demonstrates that the mapping method makes use of the best available science and data sets to determine wetland boundaries. This should include a. the alignment of a wetland definition and methods with the *NSW Plant Community Type Vegetation Classification* system, b. related tools for on-ground determination of wetland boundaries, and c. industry 'best practice' mapping techniques with high resolution spatial data sets which are already available
- demonstrates that the mapping is consistent with *NSW Wetland Policy* Definition of a wetland/ and or the *RAMSAR* definition of a wetland or even just provide a clear definition of wetland that has been endorsed by policy and science experts and
- demonstrates that the mapping includes and protects wetlands that were excluded in the earlier mapping including Eucalypt-dominated wetlands, wet heath, and the more recently identified *NSW Endangered Ecological Communities* consistent with the *NSW Wetland Policy* and *RAMSAR* definition of wetlands including a. Swamp Sclerophyll Forest on Coastal Floodplains and b. additional areas of Coastal Saltmarsh in the NSW North Coast not identified in the earlier mapping?

Yours very sincerely,  
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