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To whom it may concern:

We hereby wish to provide feedback on the draft Coastal Management State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP) which is currently on exhibition until COB 20th January 2017.

As a landholder of Wamberal Beach, we strongly ask the government to consider further consultation before gazetting the Coastal Management Act. Our concerns are listed below in point form.

1. The Coastal Management Bill 2016 and the related SEPP, fails to distinguish between the treatment of undeveloped land within the coastal vulnerability zone and developed land, particularly existing land in highly developed areas such as Wamberal;
2. The proposed legislation is quite unsettling for residents living in the Coastal Hazard Area with ambiguous provisions such as 'ambulatory boundaries' [aka planned retreat]; 'time limited development consent'; 'beach nourishment' obligations; etc. open to mixed interpretation, particularly in respect of point 1 above;
3. Coastal mapping is an integral part of the new Bill and SEPP and yet this aspect of the proposed legislation is deficient and inadequate, leaving residents in a serious state of uncertainty;
4. In light of the above and given the critical nature of this Bill, which if enacted will affect the lives of many thousands of NSW citizens, we implore the Minister to delay the gazettal [enactment] of this Bill until these issues are comprehensively discussed and resolved.
5. We request that the Minister take a hard look into the current situation affecting the land holders other than approving the 1.5metre sandbagging solution as it is only a temporary and costly measure for the owners offering approval to sandbag to a maximum of 2 years. The land holders need a permanent solution.
6. The council has been ineffective in helping the land owners gain access to the beach or offer any financial assistance as the council has stated they have no money.
7. We have a 5 – 8 metre escarpment that needs immediate protection ten months have gone by and we are in the same position with no resolution to the problem and over time gravity and natural forces such as wind and rain will cause sliding of the sand face, whilst we wait for decisions of what we can and can't do to protect our property.

Lastly we ask The minister to provide us with information what the Council and the State Government did to help the land owners of the Collaroy Collapse as opposed to what the Central Coast Council and the government are doing to help the residents of Wamberal.

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