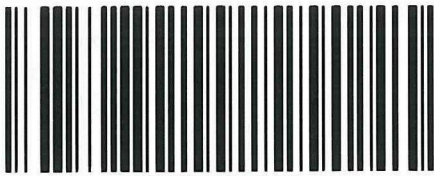


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Coastal Management Plan: Sea Level Rise: Planned Flooding

Dear Sir/Madam

Following numerous enquiries with the Department, my comment on the sea level rise policy is that it balances between development and the environment without having the confidence or political will to adopt a unit increase per year.

This contrasts to Gosford City Council's decision 10 March 2015 when a SLR of 0.74 metres to the year 2100 was adopted by councillors. Prof Ian Lowe in his book A Voice Of Reason provided a scientists opinion with "if the Greenland ice were to slide into the ocean, world sea level would rise by about 5 metres". Variation of SLR ranges from zero - Wyong Shire Council - to 5 metres acclaimed scientist Prof Ian Lowe. Coordination may be possible but the evidence warns nay.

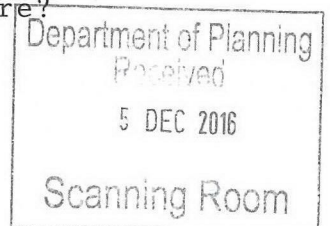
Without a statement on SLR from the DP&E the coastal plan/SEPP becomes an official planning instrument supporting the Central Coast Regional Plan 2036 which also failed to clarify the governments pro or negative policy on SLR. Not tackling the problem immediately, effectively increases SLR, at the same time reducing problem solving options now and in the future.

Filling and developing wetlands and watercourses, changing water flow patterns has not been responsible decision making. Increased storm activity will enhance local flooding and property damage as witnessed in Umina - Central Coast. Research by the Department and reference to the Woy Woy Peninsula Flood Study March 2010. I do not agree with the study Foreword comment "the flood study will form the basis for floodplain management options with the end result being the application of ecologically sensitive planning and development controls". Visit Woy Woy to identify ecologically sensitive development. I am very interested to know the location.

The NSW Government has pledged \$87 million over 5 years for general protection. One project, the Wamberal protection wall would reduce this funding to \$67 million, for the following 4 years. This figure is far from adequate considering the scale of the problem and the need to engage specialists to advise actions for previously unknown events, recent coastal erosion at Curl Curl NSW is an example. What if change is non-linear, will the NSW government be prepared to pledge resources and additional funding to hot spots and pacify distraught residents? As time rolls on the coastal plain will be a real estate risk. Are residents prepared for the future? Old maps will become gold for the DP&E.

Yours sincerely

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Lovell Road Umina has flooded 8 times this year; Jan 29, Mar 15/16/20/27, June 4/5, July 20. Its a planned water feature!