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### **Re: Submission – Coastal Reforms**

The Fingal Head Community Association Inc. (FHCA) an incorporated community organisation continues to play an active role in the protection of the local environment. We are pleased to comment on the proposed reforms.

The FHCA supports law reform that will improve environmental outcomes within the coastal zone. We have first-hand experience of the significant impact that development has continued to have on sensitive coastal ecosystems including littoral rainforests, coastal wetlands, coastal lakes and sand dunes.

We support the submission of the EDO NSW for robust reforms that will *conserve* sensitive coastal environments, *build resilience* to the impacts of climate change and ensure that all development in the coastal zone is *consistent with the principles of ecologically sustainable development* (ESD).

Overall the FHCA supports the EDO NSW submission particularly that the draft *Coastal Management Bill 2015* and accompanying Coastal Management SEPP be strengthened to achieve better protection for the precious coastal environment, wetlands and littoral forests.

As we play an active role in protecting this important environment we urge you to ensure that the reforms are supported by adequate funding to allow for the local council to be resourced to implement the reforms, ensure compliance and enforcement. We regularly experience the result of the lack of resourcing for compliance and enforcement despite our best efforts. If the aim of the legislation is to improve the environmental outcomes within the coastal zone this is essential.

Yours sincerely

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