

OBJECTION TO SEPP

COASTAL REFORM ACT

The Winda Woppa Association Inc, objects to the SEPP on the grounds that the attached maps are incorrect in the vicinity of Jimmy's Beach, Port Stephens. The relevant maps, entitled Local Government Coastal Hazard, have been taken from the Jimmys Beach CZMP (March 2016) produced by the previous Great Lakes Council, which is now incorporated within the MidCoast Council. The maps shown have been based on there being no further nourishment of Jimmy's Beach, whereas it is Council's stated policy, supported by their Emergency Action Sub Plan, that nourishment will continue, in particular to protect public assets in the vicinity. In those circumstances, the Hazard Lines and the associated Coastal Vulnerability Area need to be redrawn to take account of the planned nourishment.

The relevant paragraph from the Jimmy's Beach CZMP (March 2016) is on page A1:

"It should be noted that the hazard mapping assumes that the dune is composed entirely of erodible material and that the nearshore beach profile is in equilibrium with the wave climate. It also assumes that present day management practices, such as beach nourishment, are discontinued." (emphasis added).

It is vital that those lines, delineating the Coastal Vulnerability Area, and the associated Hazard Lines be redrawn to remove planning uncertainty for property owners in the area.