



To all Councillors
Shoalhaven City Council
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Dear Councillors

REVISED DRAFT DUNE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR COLLINGWOOD BEACH

Save Collingwood Beach is made up of two State and five local community organisations and more than 1,400 members of the wider community showing their support in submission and petition.

We understand that at the next Council meeting in Ulladulla on 22 August, you will be considering a revised version of the draft dune management plan for Collingwood Beach prepared by NGH Environmental Consulting, the critical comments by external authorities and a summation Report by staff.

As you are well aware all community groups bar one and an over-whelming percentage of Shoalhaven ratepayers strongly opposed the first draft by NGH and rejected its zoning approach for dune management and hedging. This was rightly voted against by Council.

We have always supported a fair compromise position between views and vegetation and we expect this second version to reflect this and include:

- **Naturally occurring filtered views** of the ocean for pathway users and beachfront property owners;
- **Viewing platforms** (say 2) for photographing panoramic views of the Bay, dolphin watching, sunrises and moonrise spectating, etc.;
- Strictest **dune vandalism** policy and enforcement practice;
- Best practice management for the **stability of dunes** and **sustaining of dune flora and fauna**;
- **Long term protection of a Jervis Bay/Shoalhaven/Vincentia asset** that defines the area and is a 'mecca' for tourists and economic growth;
- **Minimal management costs** going forward, allowing nature to control its self.

If the revised plan addresses these issues, we will be delighted to support it and draw a line under this lengthy and divisive issue in our community.

We would be very happy to meet with you prior to the meeting and discuss our expectations for the revised draft dune management plan for Collingwood Beach.

Yours sincerely

Bruce McKenzie, Chairman Vincentia Matters
Rob Dunn, President BirdLife Shoalhaven
Nature Conservation Council of NSW
Lake Wollumboola Protection Association

Oisin Sweeney, Chairman Jervis Bay Regional Alliance
National Parks Association of NSW
Shoalhaven Bushwalkers
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