



31 March 2015

Dear Councillor,

We are writing to thank you for your consideration in the matter of extending the consultation period for the Coffs Harbour City Council Coastal Hazard Planning Project from 15 April to 6 May 2015.

I am sure you are aware that amongst community, residents and owners, there is a ground swell of concern against the draconian measures proposed in the changes to the new CHCC LEP and DCP.

We are urging Councillors to assist us in achieving a review and changes to this project and its outcomes in its current form, as the potential effect on the community and its land owners is detrimental to the progress of our area.

As you are aware, Council is using an outdated sea rise prediction measuring system from 2009 in their current Coastal Hazard Plan which forecasts predictions of higher sea rise than will probably ever happen, instead of the revised NSW Govt. recommended 2013 predictions. This effects our land value and insurance.

The 'Risk' policy Council wants to adopt has little or no emphasis on preventing erosion. We do not want to lose our beach areas. Our beach areas should be preserved for local community and tourism.

We realise that Councillors are guided by Council officers. We implore Councillors to have further consultation with effected land owners. The current proposal is not fair and not accurate. E.g. the current Immediate Hazard line includes land that is 6 metres above sea level! We hope that Councillors will support a fairer outcome.

Many Council's Coastal Planning Policies have a lower predicted sea-rise forecast of .25 of a metre by 2050 similar to Gosford, Eurobodalla and Shoalhaven Council and Jervis Bay is currently looking at .1 sea rise prediction by 2100. We are requesting that Council officers model their project on these more moderate outcomes. Those same councils are reviewing and adjusting level predictions every 7 years. Why is Coffs Harbour Council relying on extreme prediction measurements of 0.7 in 2050 and 1.4 in 2100? Therefore, the current mapping of Hazard Line must be readjusted as they are extreme, wrong and most importantly, over exaggerated.

As part of the proposed new DCP, there is a plan to stop building on the foreshore and demolish existing home at owners' expense if coastal erosion is within twenty metres of their home. We want the DCP amended. We want measures to stop erosion not lose our homes.

We hope that Coffs Harbour City Councillors and Council will reconsider this damaging proposal. The livelihood and wellbeing of hundreds of Coffs Harbour families will be ruined and our local economy will be damaged as fewer people invest in coastal properties. Any reduction of housing development will have an immediate and damaging impact on local business and employment. Council should not be rushing this project through when it will affect our area so adversely. We want a fair go from Council and a fair go for ratepayers.

We look forward to your continued consideration and correspondence to us at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely

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