

Coastal Reforms Team  
Office of Environment and Heritage


To whom it may concern,

I've been a resident of the north coast for 40 years and have seen the pressure that the coastal zone has been under over that time. My concerns are environmental as the coast becomes more and more a residential area.

To put the emphasis on resilient communities rather than healthy ecosystems has the focus the wrong way round. ESD principles are founded on a robust and protected environment.

Although a lot of the wording in the document gives cause for hope implementation is obviously the key and without the means to make compliance happen these changes could be a step back. I'm very concerned with both SEPP 14 & 26 no longer requiring State government oversight if wetlands are cleared and land developed. Councils are under enormous pressure from developers and our wetlands are often the only natural areas left.

I look forward to the opportunity to make further comment when more information is released especially detailed maps. Economic opportunities in coastal zones are often tourism based and people are increasingly seeking authentic experiences. We need to protect our natural heritage now and into an uncertain future.

Regards  
Cynthia Brook  
  
Tyalgum 2484