

Subject: Have your say-coastal reforms, Central Coast,

Dear Rob Stokes, Coastal reforms, Central Coast,

I live in a home on the coast at Wamberal.

My home is severely affected by recent changes to council's development controls, which prevent development forward of a random line drawn on a map. (No geotechnical knowledge, science or engineering solutions considered. Total disregard to the negative impact from pretty well all affected - be it private, public, commercial, government.)

I have been concerned for many years at the local Council (ad hoc) approach to planning rules applied to my home. Up to now Gosford Council has done nothing to provide any physical infrastructure to enhance, let alone, protect the assets (public and private) along the Wamberal coastline. Instead it has produced countless studies, consultants 'reports', restrictions based on misinformation, and uncertainty.

In my area, Council has identified Wamberal Beach as 'at risk' from the sea. That is to say, life, and public and private property is at risk. Furthermore Council has found and agreed upon the solution to remove this risk. Council has identified the need for a buried revetment wall to be constructed along Wamberal beach for over 20 years now. However, Council state the wall has not been built due to lack of funds. This is unacceptable to me. Lack of funds is not a reason to not remove the risk that Council itself has identified.

I would support coastal reforms, but only when they produce real workable outcomes that are fair, democratic, reflect the true physical reality and are fit for purpose. Please delay these reforms until you have thoroughly consulted with the relevant and affected parties. You may contact myself in this process.

As an example of the benefits of these reforms, would you please advise me how these reforms will address the risk identified along Wamberal beach and provide the funding model that will facilitate the wall actually being built.

If this cannot be done, then any reforms will be meaningless.

I await your reply,

Regards,

Eric Belzer.

