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Sent: Tuesday, March 1, 2016 7:32 AM
To: coastal.reforms@environment.nsw.gov.au
Subject: Objection to NSW Coastal Reform

Dear Sir,

May I add my strong objection to the proposed coastal reform policy. I do so on the following grounds:-

- a. I worked in Woolgoolga in 1953 and frequently used the 'back beach' for recreational purposes.
- b. I continued to regularly visit Woolgoolga .
- c. I bought a 1/4 acre block of land in 1967 about 150m from the back beach.
- d. I have lived there since 1979.
- e. I continued to be intimately involved with the back beach and was the Coffs harbour Honorary Ranger for the area.
- f. Perhaps there has been some conceptual change in sea level over this time but it is certainly not apparent. Certainly there has been erosion of parts the shore line but this has been due to the odd severe storm. The actual overall beach 'level' has not changed; the sand washed away during the 'severe storms' either being returned to the 'beach' or changing the surf conditions due to temporary seabed changes.

There is no doubt that the 'low lows' and 'high highs' at Christmas expose or cover the rocks at Woolgoolga Headland and about 500m south of the headland to the same degree as they did in the 1950s.

- g. If the sea level has risen surely this would be reflected in the Woolgoolga 'lake' opening and closing. In the 1950s the lake was up to 3m deep and regularly open to the sea due to high tides. Now it is virtually a cesspit only open after flood rain.

However the most disturbing element in this unsavoury saga is the exemption for the Sydney area. I only presume that the wealthy in that area can walk on water or perhaps have some influence with this State government.

Yours faithfully
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