

Dear Coastal Management Reform team,

We thank you for providing the opportunity to comment on the Coastal Management Act and ask that our comments be included in your consideration:

- Firstly, we strongly support the inclusion of ESD principles in the updated Coastal Management Act and ask that these objectives be retained.
- We strongly object to the lack of mapping provided in this current exhibition and ask that all of the Coastal Zone mapping to be effected by the new Act be placed on public exhibition prior to the finalisation of consultation on this reform.
- We also ask that SEPP 26, 14 and 71 boundaries be updated and that outdated 30 year old mapping no longer forms the basis for our Coastal protection.
- We ask that the strength of the current SEPP 26 and SEPP 14 legislation be retained in the new act and therefore ask that the new reforms be made enforceable and mandatory.
- SEPP 26 protection is clear and enforceable, as are the buffer zones. We believe the opportunities for enforcement are primarily lost in the proposed reforms and ask that they be made at least as strongly enforceable as the existing SEPPs
- Please include protection currently provided to buffer zones around SEPP 26 and SEPP 14 areas in the new legislation. Buffer zones are an important tool of protection and need to be retained.
- We ask that Coastal Management Plans be mandatory for Councils to develop and comply with, if this is financially unviable please ensure no development is allowed in the Coastal Zone until the Management Plan is completed. This will give Councils a financial incentive to complete the appropriate management plan while retaining protection of these important areas in the interim period.
- We ask that the highest level of protection be given to effected areas such as SEPP 26 vegetation in the interim period until the Management plans are enacted in order to avoid unscrupulous advantage taking by proponents as has been seen in interim periods before.
- We ask that concurrence be retained and continued requirement for permission from State level departments be included in the new act to include a level of control that is currently existing under the Act.
- Please include the word "protection" in the Objectives of the protection of the 1km Coastal Zone identified areas.
- Please incorporate more fully the potential impacts Climate Change will have on this zone in the future.

Thankyou for your consideration of our concerns.

Regards

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