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Q 7: Comments or questions:	<p>1. An expanded area and broader criteria are needed to protect all coastal native vegetation of conservation value and lands of cultural heritage significance in a 'coastal conservation area'. 2. Existing requirements for Coastal Zone Management Plans need to be transferred and properly integrated into the new framework to ensure that the role of Coastal Management Programs is to implement the adopted Coastal Zone Management Plan. 3. The proposed new body should be renamed as the NSW Coastal Management Council [or Coastal Management Advisory Council], its membership structure reoriented towards stakeholder representation, its role well defined and adequate functions properly stated. 4. The Bill should clarify the effect in law of the landward movement of the ambulatory boundary formed by the Mean High Water Mark when it crosses real property boundaries originally defined by survey, to resolve any legal uncertainty and doubt. In particular, it should state the current common law rules that the ambulatory boundary prevails and lands below Mean High Water Mark become 'lost to the sea' and their ownership reverts to the Crown, and no compensation is payable for land lost to the sea. 5. The retention of 'emergency' or temporary coastal protection works' constructed by private landholders without approval or environmental impact assessment should be discontinued. 6. The scope, content and rigour of the proposed Coastal Management SEPP are still uncertain. The Bill should include an explicit reference to the need for and objects of a Coastal Management SEPP. Further public consultation is needed on any draft Coastal Management SEPP, and it is critical that the correct criteria are used in developing maps for the SEPP, and that the process of mapping be rigorous, open and transparent. Further, the SEPP must include effective 'development controls'.</p>
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