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Dear Sir/Madam

Proposed NSW Coastal Management Reforms

I own a property in Vincentia NSW which is located within a coastal zone adjacent to Orion Beach Foreshore Reserve. My property has not been identified on any hazard maps to date.

Two nearby areas in my local community – Collingwood beach and Plantation Point are identified as containing coastal hazards.

I understand that the government intends to update coastal mapping after the proposed reforms are passed.

I object to the proposed Coastal Management Reforms for the reasons which follow.

- 1. The proposals are complex and have been poorly explained and disseminated to the public. I only became aware of them recently via third party.
- 2. Community consultation has been inadequate and poorly timed to take place over the holiday period when many property owners are absent and out of touch with their local communities
- 3. I am concerned about the fact that hazard mapping was not updated before the proposals were put forward. This has the effect of narrowing the debate as fewer than the actual number of affected property owners are likely to participate in the consultation process.
- 4. I am informed that incomplete information has been provided to the public about the proposed reforms.
- 5. The broader debate on climate change is controversial as are the underlying assumptions about rising sea levels.

I support the NSW Coastal Alliance's concerns about the proposed reforms and support their request for deferral of the proposals pending complete information and proper consultation.

Yours truly

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Paul Spira