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PART A: KEY ISSUES Overarching comment 1. I generally welcome the Government's efforts to develop new coastal protection laws for strategic planning and management of the coast in accordance with the principles of ecologically sustainable development and for the long-term public interest. Coastal zone/coastal management areas 2. The proposed new Coastal Management Areas must be further refined to provide clear and consistent protection for coastal environmental and public interest values, including within the Coastal Use Area. 3. Existing protections for coastal wetlands and littoral rainforests should be retained and enhanced in the new SEPP, including important concurrence and assessment requirements. 4. Protections for other land and water bodies identified as being ecologically sensitive to impacts from coastal development activity (coastal environment area) should be consistent with the protections for coastal wetlands and littoral rainforests, and the management objectives for these areas should be accorded higher priority than Coastal Vulnerability and Coastal Use Areas. 5. Objectives for protecting and enhancing the environment should be included in the Coastal Use Area. The existing coastal zone boundary (generally 1km inland) should be used to retain current protection measures, and be fixed (unable to be increased or decreased). Coastal Management Programs 6. Requirements for councils developing coastal management programs set out in the proposed new Manual must be mandatory and enforceable to ensure that councils are using the best science, engaging local communities and adequately assessing and responding to threats to the coastal environment. NSW Coastal Council 7. A newly established Coastal Council is generally welcomed, however its functions and membership should be expanded to provide advice on an integrated approach to coastal management, including policy, strategic functions in relation to the new Act, and community engagement. Climate change impacts 8. The coastal reform package must provide clearer requirements and guidance for climate change adaptation and mitigation, including in relation to flora and fauna species migration, more extreme weather events, increased flooding and inundation and sea level rise. Compliance and enforcement 9. Key elements of the coastal management package, including crucial requirements under the Coastal Manual, must be mandatory and enforceable. Reform process 10. The Government must publicly exhibit key elements of the coastal reform package, including the coastal zone mapping and the draft text of the proposed new State Environmental Planning Policy prior to the Bill being finalised. Mapping must be based on robust techniques at a meaningful scale and be ground-truthed.

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