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Dear Coast Reforms Team

Submission to the Stage 2 Coastal Reforms

Our Group has been involved in environmental issues and natural resource management for the past 25 years, particularly in regard to landcare & dunecare activities in the catchment of Coila Lake and Tuross lakes/estuary, and on ocean foreshores at Tuross Head.

We wish to support the submission being made by Eurobodalla Shire Council and would like to highlight particular aspects of interest to us, as follows:-

1.1.1: Objects of Draft Coastal Management Bill:

An objective in the existing Act has been removed from the current Bill, reading as follows: "*(e) to provide for the acquisition of land in the coastal region to promote the protection, enhancement, maintenance and restoration of the environment of the coastal region...*"

We would prefer to see the NSW government acknowledging the forecast of severe coastal hazards by retaining this objective in the current Bill.

1.2.3.2: Cost sharing arrangements – Section 15(1), (c):

It is unfair to leave local government and the private sector to finance the magnitude of problems to be addressed according to the forecast of the effects of climate change. This is a national problem and all levels of government should be contributing to the funding.

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1.2.3.3: Transition of tenure:

We support Council's point that the arrangements to maintain public ownership of beaches and foreshores under conditions of long-term erosion, recession and inundation should be dealt with in a coastal management program.

1.2.6: Definitions: S4(1) beach:

Having observed the dynamic nature of the dunal system we consider it vitally important that this **definition should include the whole dune field**. The beach fluctuation zone should include not only the incipient zone but the secondary and hind dune area.

In dunecare maintaining a healthy well-vegetated hind dune provides a native habitat area and very importantly can be a cheap way of providing a natural defence against storm surges, etc.

Yours sincerely,



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