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The Hon Paul Green MLC
Chair
General Purpose Standing Committee No. 6
Enquiry into Crown Land



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Dear Paul,

**COLLINGWOOD BEACH PRESERVATION GROUP
SUPPLEMENTARY SUBMISSION**

Please accept the following document as the Supplementary Submission to the enquiry, following from the evidence given to the enquiry by members of the Collingwood Beach Preservation Group at Nowra on Monday 1st August 2016.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John'.

John Stuchbery
Chair, Collingwood Beach Preservation Group



Rob Stokes
Minister for Planning

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Mr John Stuchbery
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Dear Mr Stuchbery

John,

Dune vegetation management

Thank you for your letter about management of dune vegetation on Collingwood Beach and mapping of coastal hazard lines for the Shoalhaven Coastal Zone Management Plan. I appreciate you bringing your concerns to my attention and for meeting with me on 24 May 2016.

I appreciate your concerns about dune vegetation affecting views. In NSW, local government councils have primary responsibility for coastal management. Councils need to balance the environmental and stability benefits of vegetation on dunes against the visual amenity for adjacent landholders, in consultation with local communities. I encourage you to continue to engage with the development of the draft Dune Vegetation Management Plan for Collingwood Beach. I understand that you are in contact with council seeking the reports that you mentioned during our meeting.

As you know the NSW government is progressing with coastal reforms. Recently the *Coastal Management Act 2016* was assented, however the *Coastal Protection Act 1979* remains in force. I will not commence the Coastal Management Act until after public consultation on a draft Coastal Management SEPP and maps of coastal management areas. You will be advised when that process commences through the coastal reforms email newsletter.

The Coastal Dune Management Manual (DLWC 2001) is still current and relevant and will remain available. As part of the coastal reforms, councils will be required to follow a new Coastal Management Manual in development of coastal management programs. This manual will include guidance on coastal dune management and the types of vegetation that can be appropriate for dune stabilisation in different contexts. I also note that it is important for local councils to consult with local communities and gain buy-in for the ongoing management of coastal dune vegetation.

If you have any further questions about the local management of the Collingwood Beach dunes you should continue to liaise with Shoalhaven City Council as the responsible authority. If you have any queries about the coastal reforms Dr Tom Celebrezze, Director Sustainable Development and Coastal Policy, OEH, can be contacted on 9995 5446 or at tom.celebrezze@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

Rob Stokes
Minister for Planning

Thanks so much for taking the time to show me the issues first-hand. Appropriate dune management is vital to ensure that dunes are stabilised in accordance with community support & aspirations.