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**INQUIRY INTO PLANNING SYSTEM AND THE IMPACTS
OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND
COMMUNITIES**

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If built, the proposed Wamberal seawall development would:

1. Exacerbate coastal erosion along the entire beach, especially with continued sea level rises.
2. Scour the adjacent lagoon entrances, introducing lagoon entry efficiencies that would cause more severe flooding of the lagoon neighbourhoods and habitats.

The related planning bodies and processes have been highly inadequate:

- No independent investigation of the flooding impacts of a seawall on the two adjacent lagoons has ever been undertaken.
- The local Council, under administration, last year endorsed the Engineering Design Requirements for an end-to-end 1.3km vertical seawall along Wamberal Beach despite no lagoon studies being undertaken.
- The community is running blind, hearing conflicting messages about NSW Government's Department of Planning Ministerial Corporation negotiating with Central Coast Council to give Council ownership or rights to five parcels of public land along the beach, with Council only wanting the land to construct a seawall along it as a co-applicant with some private beachfront landowners.
- The overall Central Coast EDR and the pending DAs for a terminal Wamberal Beach seawall contravene the Objects of the Coastal Management Act.

We would need for an independent state or national coastal commission and a review of laws that restrict the sustainable dredging of sand to be turned back into the system for dune nourishment.