

REPORTS FROM THE DIRECTOR COMMUNITY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

a24 [CNR-CM] Kingscliff Beach Foreshore Erosion

ORIGIN:

Director Community and Natural Resources

SUMMARY OF REPORT:

Subsequent to the report tabled at the Council meeting of 20 July 2010 regarding Kingscliff Beach, there has been further erosion of the dune and park areas. All of this land is Crown reserve under Council's control. This erosion now extends from the northern rock wall at the creek mouth to the Cudgen Surf Lifesaving building which is an approximate distance of 500 metres.

As the previous report outlined, this erosion is the result of a series of storm events from 2009. The most severe of these occurred in May 2009 and resulted in the event being classified as a natural disaster by the State Government. The damage and restoration from this event is therefore potentially eligible for funding under the Natural Disaster Relief Program.

The restoration of the foreshore area could be achieved by providing sand nourishment and or construction of a rock or terminal wall. The costs associated with providing this form of restoration and protection is roughly estimated to be in the order of \$5 to \$10 million. It is proposed that an application be made to the State Government for funding under the Natural Disaster Relief Program, as a result of the May 2009 storm event, to restore the crown reserve at Kingscliff Beach.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council makes application to New South Wales Government for funding to restore Kingscliff Beach following the erosion caused by the May 2009 storm event under the Natural Disaster Relief Program.

REPORT:

As per the Summary.

LEGAL/RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

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Nil.
