



The Hon Tony Kelly
Minister for Lands

5 March 2010

Dear Mr Kelly

RE: Holiday Parks Plans of Management - Tomaree Peninsula

The Tomaree Ratepayers and Residents Association (TRRA) made a submission to Port Stephens Council in September 2009 commenting on the Draft Plans of Management for Halifax, Shoal Bay and Fingal Holiday Parks. TRRA is aware that Council has reviewed all the submissions received and discussed a range of issues with the Land and Property Management Authority and that plans are about to be finalized for presentation to Council.

It is our understanding that the plan for Halifax Park still includes the proposed take-over of the Public Reserve to the east of the park. This public park would be included in the Halifax site and fenced. The proposal is to allocate this area for camping rather than for additional cabins. This take-over of the park land is strongly opposed by many in the community, especially in the Little Beach precinct.

TRRA wishes to again register its strong opposition to the proposed inclusion of this park in the Halifax Holiday Park site on the following grounds:

1. There is already limited public open space adjoining Shoal Bay Beach
2. The projected 45 % increase in population for the Tomaree Peninsula by 2031 (2007 Economic Development Strategy) coupled with increasing tourist visitation will increase pressure on all beachside public open spaces.
3. The significance of the park as wildlife habitat and as a movement corridor for koalas. (see article in the Sydney Morning Herald ,Tuesday 2 March, page 15)

TRRA requests tasks that you reject the proposed alienation of this important public park.

Yours sincerely,

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