



Office of
Environment
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MD18/2497

Mr Stephen McGrath
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Dear Mr McGrath

I refer to your letter to the Minister for the Environment, the Hon Gabrielle Upton MP resubmitting the Coffs Harbour Coastal Zone Management Plan for certification. I am responding on the Minister's behalf.

I am pleased to certify the plan as it has met the requirements of section 55G of the former *Coastal Protection Act 1979* and schedule 3 (savings, transitional and other provisions) of the *Coastal Management Act 2016*, as delegated by the Minister. Certification relates to meeting requirements under the Act and is not an endorsement of specific proposed management actions.

I commend council on completing a comprehensive plan for the management of Coffs Harbour. Please arrange for the plan to be published in the NSW Government Gazette as required under section 55H of the *Coastal Protection Act 1979*.

Once gazetted, the plan will be taken to be a coastal management program prepared and adopted under schedule 3 of the *Coastal Management Act 2016* up until 31 December 2021. If Coffs Harbour City Council would like to maintain a certified plan for the Coffs Harbour after this date, the plan needs to be updated to a coastal management program by this time.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that the Minister has made funding available to councils through the Coastal and Estuary Grants Program for certain short term, low risk coastal management activities whether a certified coastal zone management plan or coastal management program is in place or not.

The following activities are eligible for funding where they are an appropriate response to coastal or estuarine threats:

- beach scraping
- ecological management and stabilisation of dune systems
- formalising or reducing the number of beach access points to reduce environmental damage/impact
- estuarine riparian ecological restoration
- littoral rainforest regeneration
- coastal wetland rehabilitation where an approved management plan for the site exists.

If you have any questions about this matter, please contact Gabrielle Pietrini, Director North East, Regional Operations Division, on 6659 8232 or at gabrielle.pietrini@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Anthony Lean', is written over a light pink rectangular background.

Anthony Lean

Chief Executive 9.8.2018