

The Shoreline is the Frontline

Key to protecting the community from climate change

Noosa Council's draft Eastern Beaches Foreshore Management Plan (EBFMP) isn't based on science or fact and the most significant problems have been overlooked and sidelined.

The issues causing the most environmental damage and leaving our community vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, must become Council's priority.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP
to make this happen**

We are highly supportive of an Eastern Beaches Foreshore Management Plan as a means to protect the natural environment as well as the way of life of the communities that enjoy our beaches for years to come.

What's wrong with the current draft Plan?

- **Council's stormwater management is ineffective and failing** yet there is no funding assigned to address it. The plan notes the water quality of Burgess Creek has decreased and pollutants have increased - some of the creek mouths have become murky and brown. We are aware that Boardriders and lifesavers have even found needles which have been washed down onto the beaches.
- **Erosion susceptibility leave us vulnerable to big weather events** and, although the draft plan references two significant erosion concerns near the mouth of Burgess Creek, there are no commitments by Council to rectify the problem.
- **Compared to the other issues in the plan, encroachment is not our biggest problem plus it's easily fixed.** The majority of the budget has been allocated to addressing illegal encroachment but it isn't causing the biggest detrimental impacts to our beautiful environment. Council could simply enforce the existing laws already at their disposal to address this.
- **The current draft plan alludes to blanket restrictions on community access to their beaches without any evidence.** There is an absence of published background materials to substantiate claims made within the document. We are supportive of the implementation of a science-based monitoring program like an ecology census that tracks dune and beach health as a benchmark for future action.



The discharge from coastal creeks are causing significant erosion to the foreshore yet the plan does nothing to fix this.

What do we want Noosa Council to do about it?

- Council need to **re-prioritise the plan** so resources and funding are put toward improving local stormwater and sewage issues in the first instance.
- We are asking Council to **undertake an ecology monitoring program** on both turtle and koala populations in the area so we can ensure any strategies to protect them are specific and fit-for-purpose.
- We're asking Council to undertake an evaluation to determine the scale of illegal built encroachments so the measures to address them are of a relevant scale and proportionate.
- We seek **clarity** regarding the community groups that the Council engages with to establish the scope, parameters, and values of the draft. This is to ensure that there are no conflicts of interest that may have impacted the distribution of funding.
- We're asking Council to publicly commit to ensuring the foreshore areas **maintain their recreational tenure status.**



The water quality of Burgess Creek is in fast decline due to stormwater and treated sewage that runs across the beach and into the ocean

What you can do

- Put in a submission prior to March 31 to foreshores@noosa.qld.gov.au requesting the plan focus primarily on the major environmental impact issues - being erosion caused by dumping of stormwater and sewage into coastal creeks.
- If you are short of time, email foreshores@noosa.qld.gov.au and tell Noosa Council you support the position of the EPBA, the Boardriders and Peregian Family & Friends.
- Participate in Council's roundtable events and call the elected members or staff to account by publishing all the materials and consultations they have relied upon to develop this plan.

Eastern Beaches Protection Association

