

**Do you have any feedback on the Draft Scoping Study for Byron Shire's Southern Coastline and Belongil and Tallow Creek Estuaries?**

I don't think Council (ratepayers) money should be spent on protecting the lifestyle of others

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**Do you have any comments about the management of the coastline and coastal areas from Cape Byron to Seven Mile Beach?**

All seems good as is

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Let nature take its course

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Yes Please can we have the places that run off into these estuaries be cleaned up IE Baywood Chase toxic lake.

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Please can there be put in place access for disabled people to get onto the dog section of Tallow Beach. Can we have special bins place in higher density areas for ocean rubbish and plastics. Lord Howe Island has this initiative.

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We need to clean up the areas that flow into these estuaries.

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1. Appendix E to the Study cites Ríbo et al (2020). The citation is not included in the Appendix, but is presumably the article in Scientific Reports, "Shelf sand supply determined by glacial-age sea-level modes, submerged coastlines and wave climate", <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41598-019-57049-8>. Fig 5 of that article shows a large body of sediment lying shallower than 40 m depth, immediately off the Seven Mile Beach section. There are few corresponding bodies elsewhere. What that means in practical terms is that Byron has the opportunity, if needed, to pump volumes of sand across from Tallows to Clarks, ie the Cape Byron - Belongil section, without any impacts on the Lennox - Cape Byron section - since the volume available is far far larger than any amount that might be pumped. Experience at the Tweed - Gold Coast system shows that bypassing a very small proportion of the sand build up in the Tweed mouth and offshore from Letitia Spit, is more than enough to completely re-shape beaches from Snapper Rocks to Kirra and north. The same applies for the Seaway bypass system, the Spit and South Stradbroke I. Therefore, the Study should specifically include sand bypassing as one option for investigation. 2. The Study includes sections both north and south of Cape Byron. These are very different from coastal management as well as coastal process perspectives. The Wategos to Belongil section is part of a town. The Seven Mile section is not. Therefore, management approaches for the former should explicitly include engineering approaches to protect property and amenity, whereas those for Seven Mile should focus on maintaining conservation value. 3. Small additions to data in maps: (a) the Littoral Rainforest section at the north end of 7MB extends N beyond the area currently mapped, including areas in private properties immediately south of Broken Head NP. (b) the area of coffee rock shown for Clark's Beach extends all the way to Belongil. Twice since 1990 I have seen this exposed, underlying the Belongil seawalls, several metres below the usual level of the beach. I don't know how far it extends offshore.

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## **Do you have any comments about the management of the coastline and coastal areas from Cape Byron to Seven Mile Beach?**

Manage Seven Mile for conservation, manage Wategos to Belongil for residential and recreation amenity. They are different. Include sand bypassing and engineering options for the northern sector.

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The conservation value of Belongil estuary, especially for mangroves and birdlife, depends largely on the continued existence of the Belongil spit, which extends the area of the estuary northward. The spit is protected by the seaward residential area and seawalls.

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We don't hear much about Tallows Beach. I understand why main beach gets the headlines. Is Tallows heading down the same path? 2 of the 3 tracks become impassable after heavy rain.

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Could you consider also the Sunrise Beach access point, the area is partly eroding while there is also sandblow going inland, a wooden walkway mat, like at Suffolk Beach access points might be helpful. Perhaps also some revegetation work to prevent sand dune erosion near the access point to the beach.

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As in Question 1

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Please plan for climate change and population growth.

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Look to world class coastal management, including the Netherlands to prevent severe erosion.

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Improving access points. Maybe creating eco walkways/timber along the banks

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Once again good access points, maybe covered viewing platforms, ie Coffs Harbour.

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Let Nature do its thing, but boardwalks and viewing platforms again. ie Coffs Harbour

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NO BLOODY HOTEL PLEASE

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Council (together with the NPWS, NSW Fisheries and the CBMP aAuthority has failed the local community in managing Tallow Creek. The last fish kill provides abundant evidence of this mismanagement Council is a lessor player in the management process being hamstrung by other government agencies. The current do nothing approach by council is fine in an La Niña year but will fail in an El Niño year when pools of deoxygenated water will build up in the hinterland

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Tallow creek opening strategy (do nothing) is no strategy at all and will result in fish kills following heavy rain during dry (drought) events. This pattern replicates similar events over the last decade, and is usually followed by the blame game when the various government agencies deny responsibility and blame council

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I authored the Belongil estuary pom which virtually eliminated fish fills from the Belongil estuary several decades ago. The solution was surprisingly simple and could be applied to tallow creek. However the solution is not “do nothing”

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In regards to Tallow Creek estuaries look at Suffolk Park housing estate and how they developed and built extensive water system. Look at the original plans, the intended results, compare to current situation( without fear or favour) and develop new plans with a result driven plan, that can be realistically accomplished. You at risk of making plans on plans on plans and wasting heaps of money! So try and keep it simple.

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Its pretty self sustaining really but make sure the road run off is well maintained.

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Yes Belongil is a mess with inappropriate developments .Tallow releases swamp water from Suffolk backyards.Met Byron@Byron staff complaining too but natural opening is the only way..Poor development

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