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To: council

Subject: Tyagarah Gray's Lane Beach

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Hello Councillors of the Byron Shire Council (those elected to represent the residents of this Shire)

I'm a rates payer in Byron Shire and also a frequent visitor to the clothing optional beach.

Yes, it was certainly time the council did do something to monitor the occasional inappropriate behaviours which occur (it's been great to see police patrols - but I'm sure they have also got more pressing issues to attend to than nabbing people just outside of the signposted areas with fines), however, what about the law abiding citizens who actually enjoy walking au natural on the beach. We are certainly very short changed with your current signposted beach total of 800 metres.

My question is who decided that 800metres was all that could be designated?

If you went to the left side, surely no one is effected by au natural swimmers and walkers nearly all the way to Brunswick Heads. For the fitness minded a mere 800m walk is a little boring, we certainly used to enjoy taking half hour walks and not seeing anyone!

Also, has it been monitored how many people are towels, umbrellas and cabana's literally on top of each other on a mid summers heatwave, especially at full tide, when there is barely a beach. Some are a bit shy and don't want to be listening to everyone's conversations on the beach, or have a need to make friends with everyone when we can't even get a little patch of privacy on the sand!

I'm in my late fifties, and the reason for leaving Queensland was this progressive Shire that was offering this alternative beach. We need more clothing optional beaches, please don't curtail this option to just 800 metres.

Do a survey one weekend, and you will see that lots are visitors and day trippers spending their money boosting our economy in our Shire, because we have a legal beach.

Follow the lead from Europe and the USA where they signpost warnings are placed..... 'if you walk past this sign you may encounter nudity', people have a choice not to continue!!

Just because we are naturists doesn't mean we are strange or perverts, there are a lot of highly educated, professional people, (maybe even some councillors) who are also followers of a clothing optional lifestyle in our diverse world!

Yours sincerely

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Sent from my iPad