

Draft Broken Head and Seven Mile Beach Locality Plans

SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT

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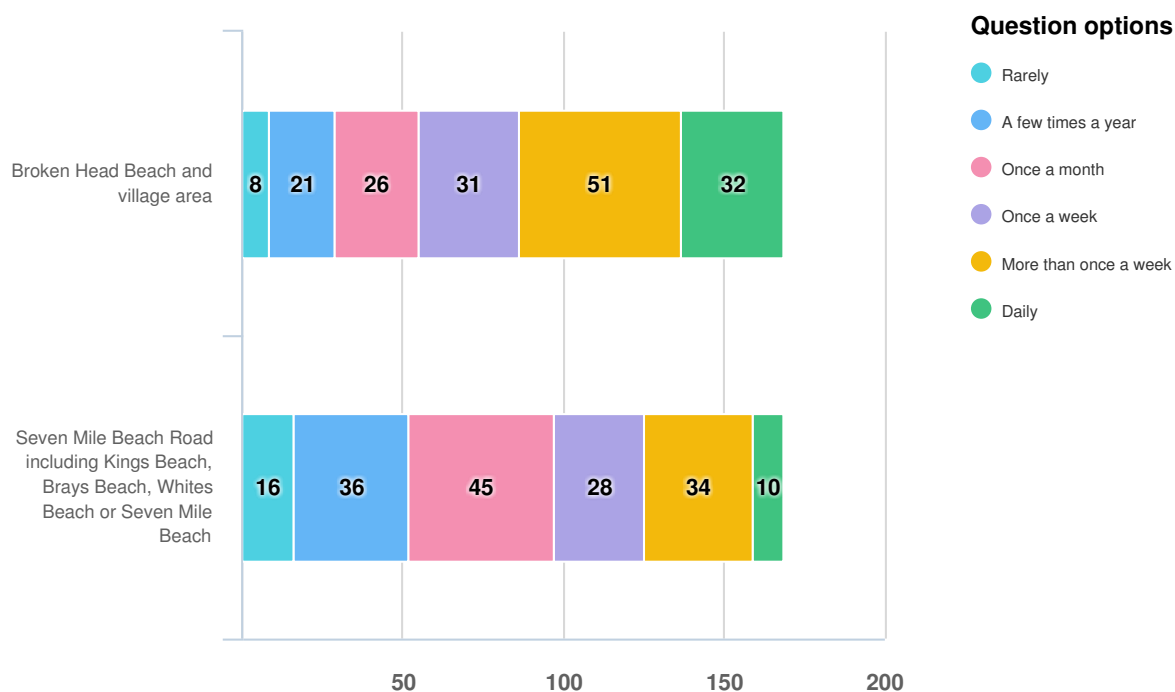
PROJECT NAME:

Parking and traffic management at Broken Head



SURVEY QUESTIONS

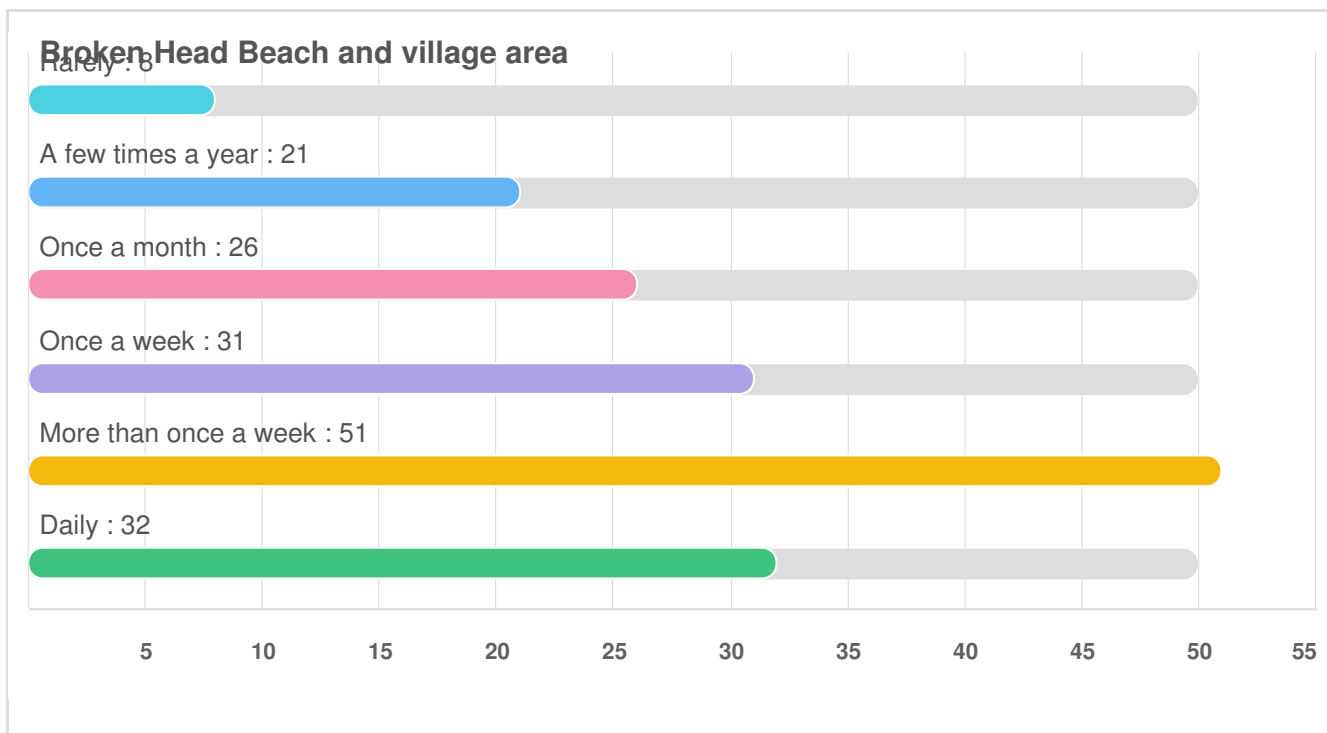
Q1 How often do you visit Broken Head or beaches on Seven Mile Beach Road?



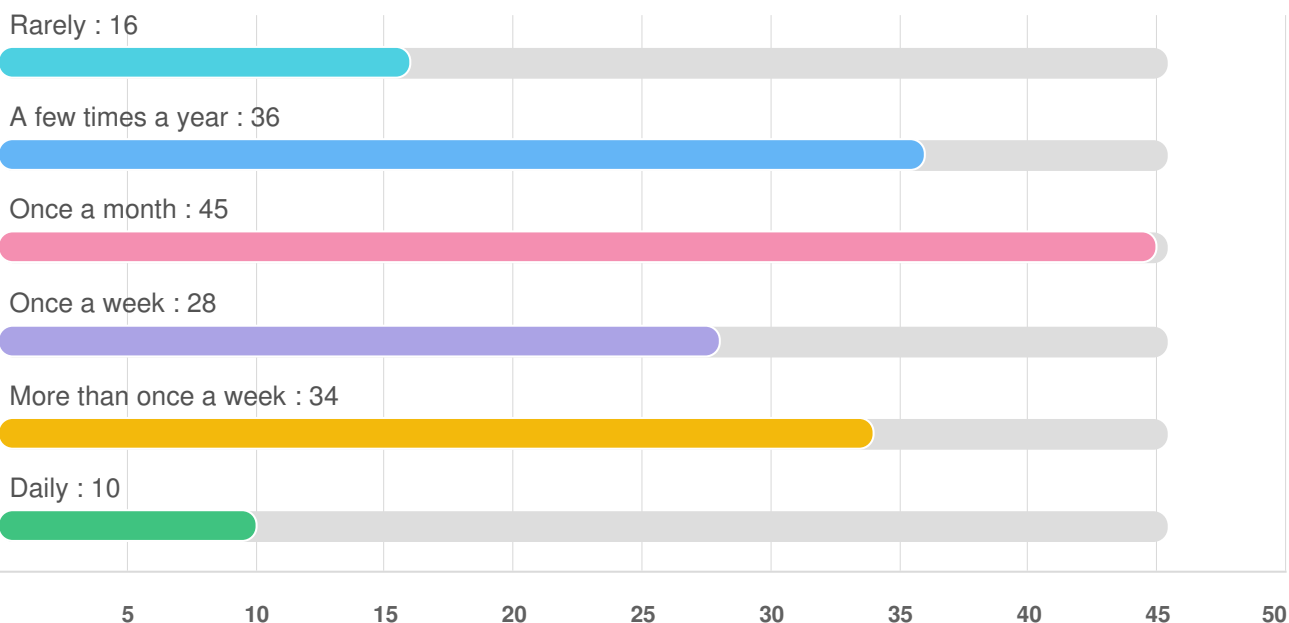
Optional question (172 response(s), 1 skipped)

Question type: Likert Question

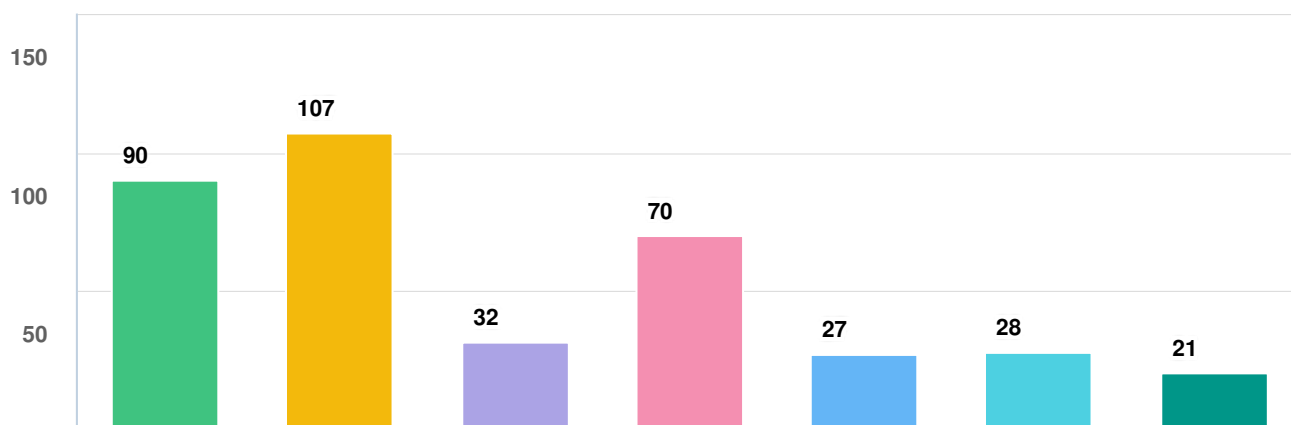
Q1 | How often do you visit Broken Head or beaches on Seven Mile Beach Road?



Seven Mile Beach Road including Kings Beach, Brays Beach, Whites Beach or Seven Mile Beach



Q2 Why do you visit the Broken Head and Seven Mile Beach Road areas? Select all that apply.

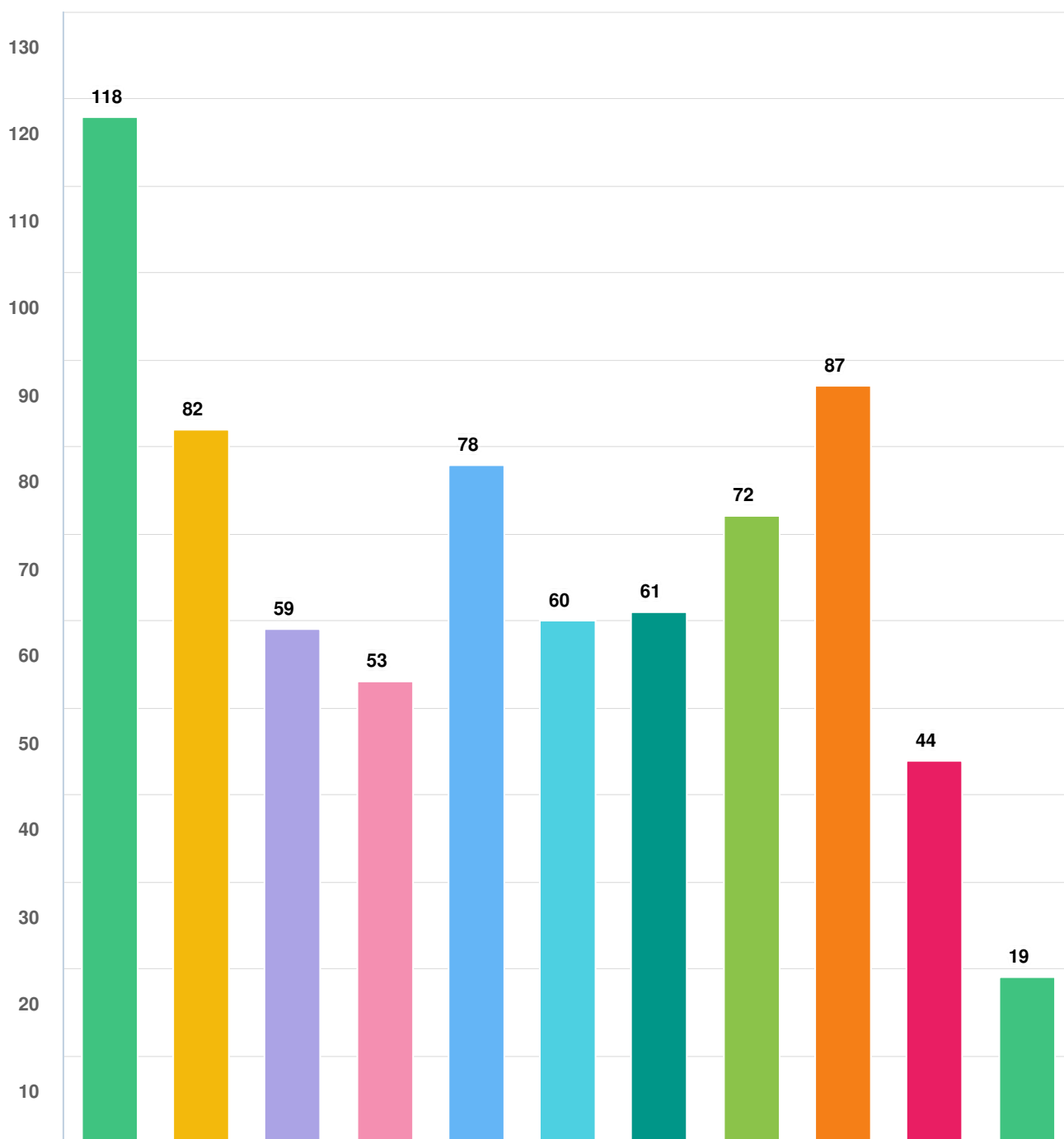


Question options

- Surfing
- Sight-seeing
- Cycling
- Walking or jogging
- Fishing
- Swimming and beaches
- Other (please specify)

Optional question (172 response(s), 1 skipped)
Question type: Checkbox Question

Q3 When visiting the Broken Head area do you have any problems/concerns with any of the following? Select all that apply.



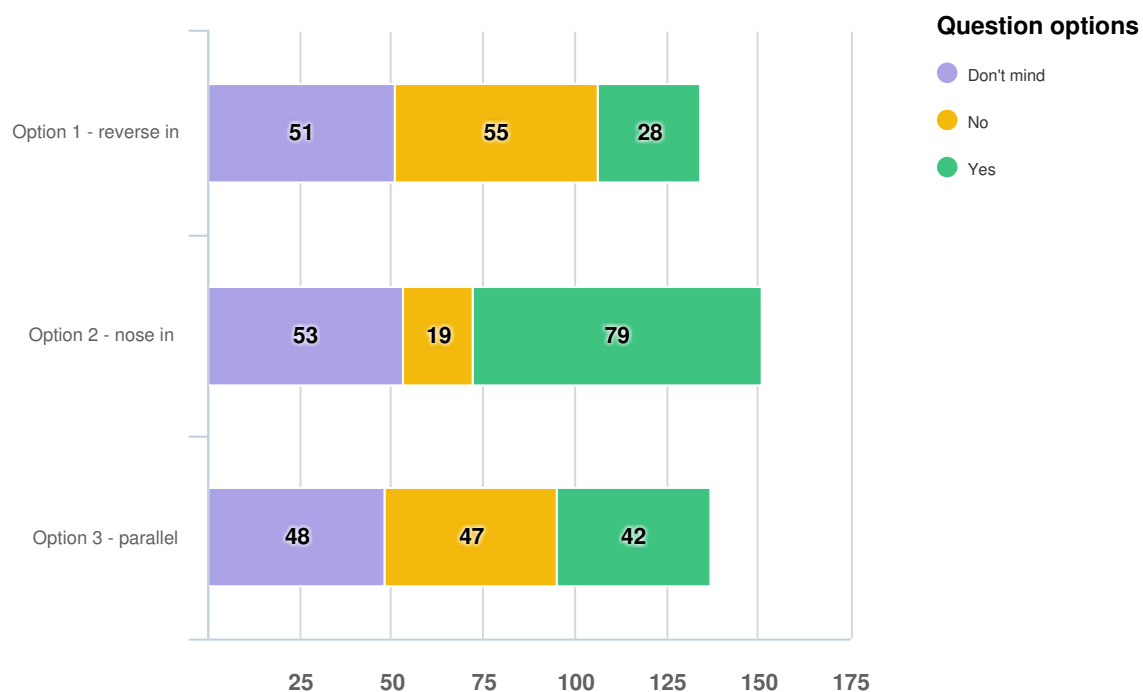
Question options

- Other (please specify)
 ● Accessibility to beaches
 ● Illegal camping
- Impact of traffic on wildlife and natural environment
 ● Erosion on road verges
 ● Dust
 ● Illegal parking
- Cyclist safety
 ● Pedestrian safety
 ● Traffic
 ● Availability of parking

Optional question (163 response(s), 10 skipped)

Question type: Checkbox Question

Q4 Do you have a preferred option for parking on Broken Head Reserve Road?



Optional question (170 response(s), 3 skipped)

Question type: Likert Question

Q4 | Do you have a preferred option for parking on Broken Head Reserve Road?

Option 1 - reverse in

Don't mind : 51



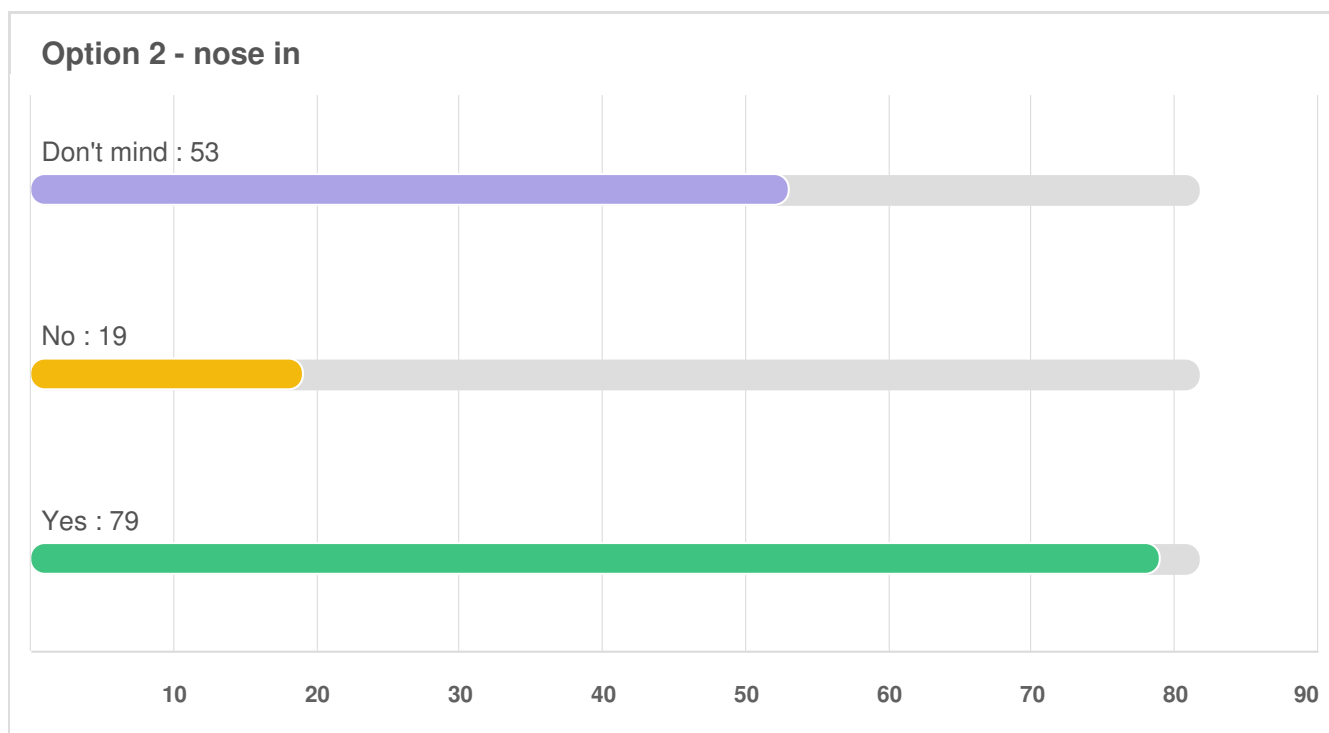
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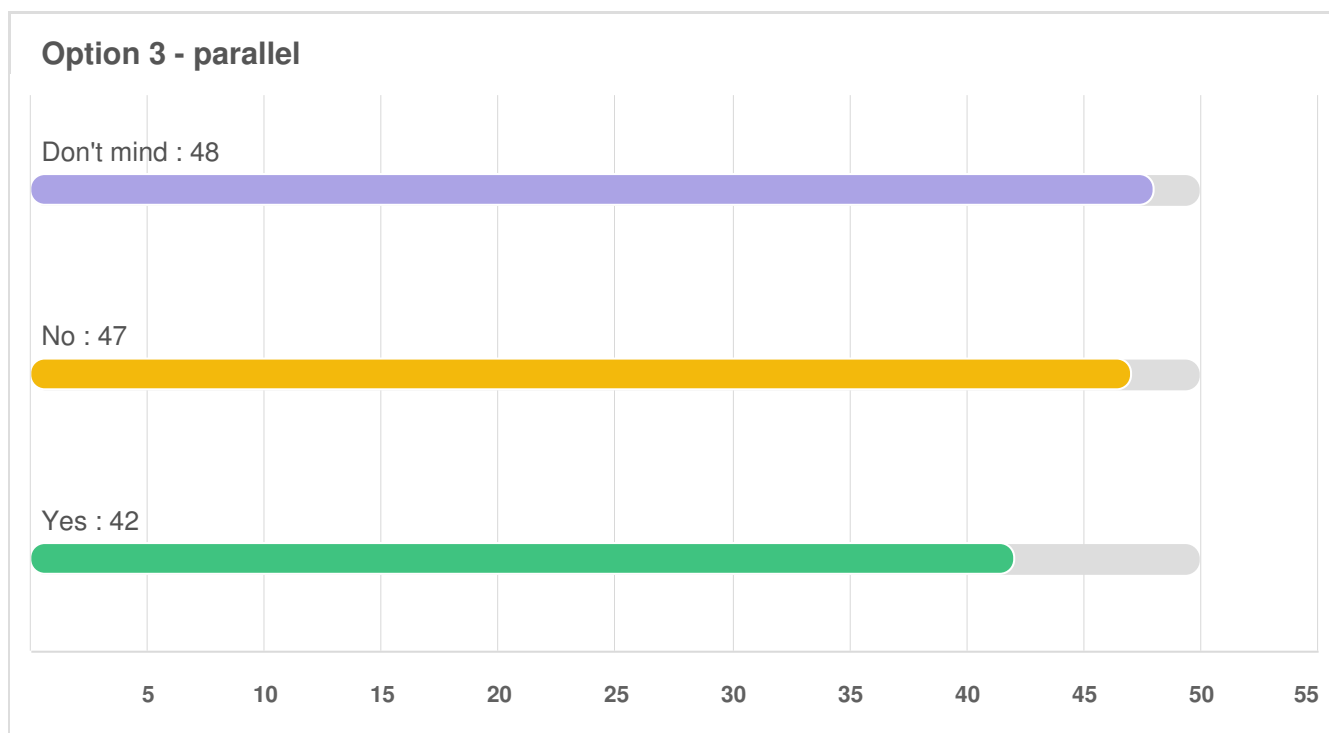


Yes : 28



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Q5 Do you have any other comments about the Broken Head Reserve parking options?

Anonymous

1/07/2021 10:05 AM

I think a "kiss and ride/play" parking bay (out of the flow of traffic) would be a HUGE improvement for either NPWS or Council to include. Broken is my closest beach and due to a lack of parking we often don't visit....and if we do it is more often the case of "I'll drop you off" for my surfing family. I see lots of others dropping surfers and beachgoers too. It adds significantly to unmanaged congestion and some dangerous behaviours. For example - car carrying surfers just stops in the middle of congested traffic and everyone else has to wait for the time it takes for them to get their surfboard/gear/chat. Frustrated drivers behind them attempt to overtake and jam up against oncoming traffic in the opposite direction. Those frustrated often do it at speed and there have been near misses with pedestrians and wildlife.

Anonymous

1/07/2021 11:27 AM

consider safe crossing of Broken Head Reserve road for pedestrians/runners wanting to access Seven Mile Beach Road. Allow sufficient space for vehicles to turn around at Seven Mile Beach Road junction rather than having to drive into Broken Head Nature Reserve as this is where current traffic jams form. Put a time limit for parking - suggest 3 hours maximum

Anonymous

1/08/2021 04:14 PM

time limits and paid parking at Brays, Whites and Seven Mile beaches please

Anonymous

1/08/2021 04:29 PM

Maybe need to limit the length of vehicles. Some campervan too big. Should not be on these roads, unless a resident who lives on that road.

Anonymous

1/08/2021 04:39 PM

Desperately needed

Anonymous

1/08/2021 04:41 PM

does it matter?

Anonymous

1/08/2021 06:21 PM

NO PAY PARKING

Anonymous

1/08/2021 06:23 PM

Pls don't make it paid parking!

Anonymous

1/08/2021 06:53 PM

Road condition in the area is poor, lots of pot holes

Anonymous

1/08/2021 08:23 PM

No

Anonymous

1/08/2021 10:35 PM

Reverse parking will be a nightmare people can't even regularly park properly have you seen the parking skills of byron bay?

Anonymous

1/09/2021 09:08 AM

Anonymous

Whatever option offers the most parking spaces

1/09/2021 09:16 AM

Anonymous

I DONT SEE ANY ACCOMODATION FOR CYCLE LANES? SURELY THIS SHOULD BE INCLUDED GIVEN THE CURRENT BYRON - SUFFOLK CYCLE WAY THIS IS THE NEXT NATURAL EXTENSION. THE BUSH PATH THAT JOINS TAYLORS LAKE ROAD TO SUFFOLK PARK VIA THE TI TREE ABORIGINAL AREA IS USED BY DOZENS OF CYCLISTS EVERY DAY AS IS THE BROKEN HEAD BACK BEACH ROAD. THIS ZONE UNDER CONSIDERATION IS CURRENTLY DANGEROUS FOR CYCLISTS AS CARS COME FLYING DOWN THE HILL (TRAFFIC CALMING GOOD IN DESIGNS!) BUT ALSO GET FORCED ACROSS ROAD BY CONGESTED PARKING ETC. WOULD THE PROPOSED FOOTPATH BE FOR BIKES AND PEDESTRIANS ? POTENTIALLY GOOD IF YES AND IMPORTANT THAT THE BOLLARDS ARE SEPARATING BIKES/PEDESTRIANS FROM TRAFFIC? ALTHOUGH I WOULD PREFER A SEPARATE BIKE LANE RUNNING FROM TAYLORS LANE ROAD DOWN TO THE START OF THE NATIONAL PARK AREA. ALSO IT WOULD BE GOOD TO SEE SOME BIKE PARKING SOMEWHERE ALONG THIS ZONE FOR THOSE WHO WALK DOWN THE TRACKS TO THE BEACH BEFOR THE NATIONAL PARK. THE DESIGN COULD INCORPORATE SOME KIND OF BICYCLE / PEDESTRIAN LANE TURN OFF INTO TAYLORS LAKE ROAD AS A CAR FREE ALTERNATIVE ROUTE TO BROKEN HEAD FROM SUFFOLK PARK

1/09/2021 09:35 AM

Anonymous

Get rid of backpackers sleeping in their vans

1/09/2021 01:17 PM

Anonymous

Paid parking in this area will just lead to more cars parked up the sides of the road further back.

1/09/2021 11:56 PM

Anonymous

Look after the environment

1/10/2021 07:21 AM

Anonymous

. Residents should not be paying when the visitor numbers are so high, and creating demand for spaces and further infrastructure. Bed tax please. More rangers to move on illegal campers please.

1/10/2021 06:29 PM

Anonymous

You can't discriminate and stop people from fishing at night

1/11/2021 10:35 AM

Anonymous

Bike racks and motor bike parking. Disabled ramp at caravan park is important.

1/11/2021 03:16 PM

Anonymous

What sort of bollards are proposed. the orange plastic ones in place are unsightly and not in keeping with the nature reserve.

1/12/2021 04:16 PM

Anonymous

1/13/2021 11:50 AM

Tarceal will only increase the traffic.

Anonymous

1/13/2021 01:12 PM

Residents who pay taxes park for free

Anonymous

1/17/2021 10:59 AM

I think reversing in for parking there is not a good option. People are more likely to be unloading or loading vehicles with children and items then, and a reversing car could be dangerous. That risk is far less with a vehicle reversing out of a car park and onto a road. With nose in parking you can see what's in front of you.

Anonymous

1/17/2021 07:46 PM

Putting in place any parking restrictions are only as good as they way they are policed. Parking strategies need people on the ground to enforce them, otherwise they are ignored as is the current situation with the national parks car park.

Anonymous

1/17/2021 08:13 PM

Police illegal camping

Anonymous

1/20/2021 08:56 AM

If reverse in parking - need to make sure car boot is accessible in all spaces for getting boards/gear in and kids dressed etc.

Anonymous

1/20/2021 04:17 PM

Need to expand pay parking to a maximum up BHR Rd Consistency with Byron in general Local annual residents passes cover both NPWS areas and BSC areas More policing by all departments essential Educational signage to respect area and wildlife essential Increase annual fees to cover costs creatively protect the area

Anonymous

1/25/2021 06:23 PM

Maximum parking spaces possible @ Broken Head and 7Mile Beach Road, as I believe people should be given the opportunity to enjoy this special area respectfully. Factor in Bush regeneration works to offset the disturbance caused by the works. Control all weeds when working on the roadside on the Council Managed Land (entire Road Reserve of Broken Head Reserve Road and 7Mile Beach Road). There are still some Umbrella tree, Winter Senna and other environmental weeds seeding into the Nature Reserve. National Parks have a long standing weed control program throughout the entire reserve and the weed control in the reserve now only requires maintenance weed control so weed control in the surrounding areas is now of paramount importance. Bushregeneration Programs are now also underway on all properties bordering Broen Head Reserve Road, The only missing link is the Road Reserve.

Anonymous

1/27/2021 02:12 PM

We are broken head residents and we have had no consultation of options. We would like to protect the wildlife and nature and would prefer minimum traffic possible, boom gate at broken head end . Foot traffic only. We understand the southern end of seven mile beach road is on private land , council must investigate and recognise this.

Anonymous 1/27/2021 04:04 PM	Parking needs to be policed
Anonymous 1/27/2021 09:57 PM	The environment cannot cope with more people and cars. THE FUTURE PARALLEL PARKING SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED.
Anonymous 1/27/2021 10:21 PM	I believe that there should not be any potential parallel parking or parking of any type, proposed for Broken head on Reserve Rd at all as it will reduce the amenity of Broken Head by placing it under to greater stress.
Anonymous 1/29/2021 11:44 AM	Yes.....this is a reserve and too many cars in the area and too much speed. Should be a walkers paradise but it isn't. Its dangerous to walk there. Its not about which way to park its to have a whole area plan for traffic which looks at allowing it to be a reserve with controlled access and if it were to be tarred, it would need to be regulated and monitored so people don't increase traffic and speed.
Anonymous 1/29/2021 04:30 PM	keep it cheap for locals, make it more expensive for (QLD) visitors
Anonymous 1/29/2021 04:30 PM	Whatever council decides it must be inclusive for all residents and not restricted for the wealthy who live in the immediate area.
Anonymous 1/29/2021 04:43 PM	build an off street parking location further up the road and visitors can walk down
Anonymous 1/29/2021 05:30 PM	Leave it as it is
Anonymous 1/29/2021 05:36 PM	Paid parking please
Anonymous 1/29/2021 08:40 PM	Ensure sufficient disabled parking NOT FAR AWAY FROM THE BEACH
Anonymous 1/29/2021 10:24 PM	Implement 4 th option ie.parallel parking from Taylors Lake Rd. widen road where needed.Don't waste money on bollards which would be removed when parking in red area is instituted. Introduce paid parking from start. Build proper speed humps to stop current speeding. Reduce speed limit and enforce it. Rumble strips are useless and won't deter hoons.
Anonymous 1/30/2021 07:42 AM	Reverse in Allows for safety of families to unload cars onto the walkway, rather than the road. Reverse in also keeps the traffic moving eastward and then turning at a safe point to exit the village, westward.
Anonymous 1/30/2021 07:48 AM	Where there are houses , parallel parking is desirable. Elsewhere, nose in parking is fine. Reverse in parking may cause traffic problems.

Anonymous 1/30/2021 03:49 PM	stop taking carparks away, add more, the council ruined locals access to waters by removing carparks, don't make the same mistake here
Anonymous 1/30/2021 04:25 PM	Just leave it how it is and don't impact the environment even more
Anonymous 1/31/2021 08:34 AM	No
Anonymous 1/31/2021 01:54 PM	We live at Broken Head & subscribe to NParks to be able to parks there. Will the green area only be NPWS parking?
Anonymous 2/01/2021 07:01 AM	reverse in enables people to access the back \ boot of their car to take beach gear in and out without having to stand on the middle of the road like would happen if you had nose in
Anonymous 2/01/2021 11:10 AM	Manage /repair pot holes in a timely manner for safety reasons.
Anonymous 2/01/2021 05:42 PM	Reverse will not work with surfers, which is most of the people that park here. they want their boot facing out to access their boards! Really bad idea to reverse in. and changing it around has resulted in fewer car spaces when it was changed to nose-in , in town. really dumb. We need MORE carpark spaces, not LESS. Every time parking is altered, it seems to result in LESS carparks! Take Wategos for example- extremely frustrating place to park- completely insane. NOT efficient use of parking space. (for example turning all the parallel parking possibilities into motorbike spaces that barely anyone uses! So stupid!! It's like someone who does not surf or EVER go to Wategos made that dumb decision)
Anonymous 2/03/2021 07:25 PM	There needs to be more car parks created and put a four hour limit on them. Reverse parking will make turning around to get back out easier without the need to do three point turns.
Anonymous 2/07/2021 12:25 PM	The parallel option allows for drivers from the nature reserve to park easier than the angled option. Sometimes parking in the National Park isn't available so you have to come back to park at the Council section.
Anonymous 2/07/2021 09:03 PM	Need more parking spaces. Should be free. Should be long time limits
Anonymous 2/12/2021 01:34 PM	I do not wish for you to cut any tress down in order to create space for parking or a walkway. A thin walkway would be great. Traffic rumble strips seem useless as it will not deter people from speeding! Perhaps resurfacing Broken Head Reserve Road rather than filling on potholes each year and installing speed humps and enforcing speeding fines. Also, installing speed humps at the Broken Head Reserve Road side and on other parts of 7 mile Beach Road, as motorists and motorbikes come hooning around the corner

and there are children, local animals and elderly residents. Putting bollards on the north side/nature reserve Side of footpath walkway makes no sense. Wouldn't it make more sense to put the bollards between the walkway and potential future parallel parking lines? Also, if you are going ahead with all this, then regulations and parking signs need to be enforced.

Anonymous

2/14/2021 01:05 PM

Keep it limited to control access

Anonymous

2/14/2021 06:26 PM

Paid parking may help limit numbers

Anonymous

2/15/2021 09:03 AM

There needs to be enlargement of parking bays with wheel stops so there is room for pedestrian walkway behind

Optional question (56 response(s), 117 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q6 | Do you have any comments to make about pay parking on Broken Head Reserve Road?

Anonymous

1/05/2021 03:46 PM

Paid parking should not be introduced on broken head reserve road.

Anonymous

1/05/2021 04:03 PM

Supportive of pay parking as a solution to better share parking spaces each day

Anonymous

1/05/2021 04:05 PM

Pay parking is fine as long as there are public transport options to the area to give people another option to get there and leave the car at home. Possibly buses? Public transport is lacking in Byron Shire and the influx of paid parking across the Shire is a good instigator for people to use public transport, but it simply isn't an option.

Anonymous

1/05/2021 04:06 PM

The pay parking should be limited to parking spaces closest to the beach pathways, in order to keep those most accessible and convenient spots constantly in rotation. Also, the parking spaces should be available for over 2 hours - 3 or 4 hours would be ideal to allow for a good beach/surf session.

Anonymous

1/07/2021 10:05 AM

I'm for it.

Anonymous

1/07/2021 11:27 AM

I support pay parking in high demand areas to ensure fair access for all users. Broken Head Reserve is a high demand area

Anonymous

1/08/2021 02:33 PM

Prefer not to have to contend with this.

Anonymous 1/08/2021 03:55 PM	Shire residents pass should not be time limited.
Anonymous 1/08/2021 04:14 PM	the sooner the better as long as resident parking fees don't increase to administer
Anonymous 1/08/2021 04:29 PM	Yes paid parking good if under current council permit.
Anonymous 1/08/2021 04:39 PM	Yes. Definitely. But free parking for residents who live there. Holiday people should pay
Anonymous 1/08/2021 04:41 PM	Yes, it would be great to see it empty most of the year like byron.
Anonymous 1/08/2021 04:51 PM	Please make it pay parking.. so many backpackers spend all day/ night there
Anonymous 1/08/2021 04:57 PM	Pay parking should not be added to broken head, it's the one place to visit the beach for free
Anonymous 1/08/2021 05:08 PM	no payment with resident parking permit
Anonymous 1/08/2021 05:58 PM	No don't make it pay. You should have put a single toll entry fee to Byron for all visitors. No more pay parking
Anonymous 1/08/2021 06:21 PM	NO PAY PARKING
Anonymous 1/08/2021 06:23 PM	Don't do it
Anonymous 1/08/2021 06:53 PM	Given that national parks introduced paid parking people are now parking in what were council parking areas to avoid this, I suspect paid parking will be the only option as long as standard council permits apply
Anonymous 1/08/2021 07:14 PM	Local permit holder exempt wit 4 hour max
Anonymous 1/08/2021 07:55 PM	For paid parking and residential permits
Anonymous 1/08/2021 08:23 PM	Make the tourists pay

Anonymous 1/08/2021 09:57 PM	Introduce paid parking with resident exemption and no over night staying
Anonymous 1/08/2021 10:35 PM	I think this is a great idea! If the money raised is put back into this project specifically
Anonymous 1/08/2021 11:26 PM	Please don't make them paid, or if they are they need to be a long time period for permit holders
Anonymous 1/09/2021 06:26 AM	It's a good idea. Favours our local community as we all pay for the parking permit. Good revenue raiser for the shire
Anonymous 1/09/2021 08:34 AM	Would it be national park fees or Byron council? If it's council is this included under the resident parking permit?
Anonymous 1/09/2021 08:36 AM	Great idea as long as the Byron resident parking annual fee covers this area for local people.
Anonymous 1/09/2021 09:08 AM	I'm confused does that mean my local permit allows me to park at Broken for free as well?
Anonymous 1/09/2021 09:16 AM	Don't do it
Anonymous 1/09/2021 09:35 AM	YES MAKE IT PAID PARKING. PEOPLE HAVE THE OPTION THEN OF EITHER BUYING A NATIONAL PARK PERMIT TO PARK IN THE BROKEN HEAD NP CARPARK OF PAY FOR COUNCIL PARKING. ITS OUTRAGEOUS AT THE MOMENT THAT PEOPLE PARK JUST OUTSIDE THE NP FOR FREE AND THEN MAKE USE OF THE NP FACILITIES WITH NO CONTRIBUTION.
Anonymous 1/09/2021 01:17 PM	Don't fuck a good thing
Anonymous 1/09/2021 01:19 PM	yes do it!!
Anonymous 1/09/2021 01:54 PM	People will park further up the hill to avoid paying. Please accept national parks pass so there's not 2 different systems at the same beach.
Anonymous 1/09/2021 06:52 PM	Locals should be able to stay as long as they want.
Anonymous 1/09/2021 11:56 PM	Parking at whites, brays and 7mile beach needs attention, clean up the parking areas and allow proper access instead of very limited spots and parking fines.Jew point has no parking spots at all.

Anonymous

1/10/2021 06:48 AM

No paid parking

Anonymous

1/10/2021 07:21 AM

Byron locals stickers should work for free parking as long as in time frames.

Anonymous

1/10/2021 09:28 AM

I like the option of paid an unpaid parking

Anonymous

1/10/2021 09:46 AM

should remain free parking.

Anonymous

1/10/2021 09:59 AM

No paid parking

Anonymous

1/10/2021 06:29 PM

Residents should not have to pay for parking or have time limits. The residents in the immediate area may not have off street parking. Rangers could check a sticker system. One rule does not fit all.

Anonymous

1/10/2021 06:34 PM

Use the money in the right way byron shire council!

Anonymous

1/11/2021 10:35 AM

Definitely not

Anonymous

1/11/2021 06:55 PM

\$\$\$ Why make people pay to go surfing..so elitist...Byron Pay Again!! Like Town it doesn't create any more car parks and Where is the revenue collected ??? New Zealand again??

Anonymous

1/11/2021 09:56 PM

If you allow parking permits you have to open the permits up to residents of Lennox head as otherwise it's discriminating against neighbours as it's only the next suburb away

Anonymous

1/11/2021 11:59 PM

Property owners should all have permits. Visitors should pay for parking.

Anonymous

1/12/2021 08:29 AM

It may help reduce congestion and illegal campers and their long term parking habits.

Anonymous

1/12/2021 11:16 AM

I believe paid parking to be essential. It will stop people parking longterm and possibly overnight, as well as assist in ensuring parking for multiple visitors over the course of one day.

Anonymous

1/12/2021 04:16 PM

Monetising contact with nature is discriminatory. NPWS permits should be offered more widely for this purpose.

Anonymous

1/13/2021 11:17 AM

I'm a shire resident with a parking permit.. So not affected... If a time limit was imposed I would like to see longer than an hour though.

Anonymous

1/13/2021 11:29 AM

This is good so long as residents with a pass are exempt

Anonymous

1/13/2021 11:50 AM

Sounds good.

Anonymous

1/13/2021 01:12 PM

More parking in this area is a good idea.

Anonymous

1/13/2021 06:34 PM

The sooner the better....if it's policed...unlike the NPWS up the street

Anonymous

1/14/2021 02:46 PM

I personally think paid parking should be on everywhere in Bangalow, Brunswick, definitely Mullum, so why not Broken. It's easy and fast to get a year permit for a local, let the tourist pay everywhere!

Anonymous

1/17/2021 10:59 AM

I think the pay parking is ok and is generally accepted by most. I have always purchased a NPWS Country Parks Pass so I have no problems in purchasing these and hopefully one of these passes will cover me for this area as well. I think there should be an introduction of paid parking on the seven mile beach road parking areas. I think a four hour limit on those spots as well could be good, as the car parks will be in high demand. Parking up there is a massive problem, especially since the big reduction in areas where you can park. Also I think designated car park spots should be marked out to maximise the car park area. There absolutely does need to be more car parking areas made available. This area is only going to become more popular and not just the current but future needs have to be considered, planned and addressed The people now accessing these beaches and using the road, has increased ten fold. I live locally and many days I just cannot park anywhere up there. I don't mind having to park a long way away and walk as I've done before, but this option doesn't work anymore. You just can't park anywhere. I think sealing the road is a good option. Bite the bullet and do it and stop the cost of countless fix ups which don't last. Speeding cars will be an issue again , as we saw happen when the section at the top of the road was sealed. The only one good thing about the old unmaintained road, was that it forced you to slow down and it got that bad that a lot of people just couldn't take their car there, so numbers were reduced somewhat by that. Ranger patrols need to be a lot more frequent as well. The vehicles that sit and block the road by waiting for a car park needs to be stopped as well.

Anonymous

1/17/2021 06:47 PM

Free for locals, tourists pay.

Anonymous

1/17/2021 07:46 PM

A lot of regular users of Broken head live close to the beach but not necessarily within the Byronshire. Ballinashire starts within close proximity to the beach. Permits should be offered to these residents also should paid

parking be introduced. As with above policing these parking restrictions with regularity is essential.

Anonymous

1/18/2021 10:58 AM

Pay parking is necessary to manage traffic volume and congestion.

Anonymous

1/20/2021 08:56 AM

There has to be long time periods (4 hrs min) available if a time limit is introduced. It's too far to walk back from the beach with young kids just to move the car after 2 hrs (can take 30 mins to walk them to the beach from the Council managed areas anyway)!

Anonymous

1/20/2021 04:17 PM

Paid parking is supported expanding up to the original Broken Head Rd intersection. Financial support to improve the ambience, ecological sustainability of the area. In creating a pride of place will mean visitors will act sensitively unlike present rubbishing of the area. Paid parking with time limits encourages change over and more visitors and locals sharing the benefit also cutting out all day itinerants taking advantage of a free and easily abused resource.

Anonymous

1/21/2021 04:43 PM

Make time limit at least 4 hours for surfing....

Anonymous

1/23/2021 03:36 PM

As long as it is NPWS parking. There's been issues in the past with Ballina Shire residents (like myself) being unable to obtain parking permits for neighbouring shires like Byron Shire. It's already paid parking so I'm a little confused about the question – I think it should remain NPWS parking as opposed to Byron Shire Council parking.

Anonymous

1/23/2021 05:53 PM

limit numbers. but not paid

Anonymous

1/23/2021 06:49 PM

Must ensure that other local areas like Lennox Head/Tintenbar can obtain a permit

Anonymous

1/25/2021 06:23 PM

I am all in favour of paid parking. Use the funds of the paid parking in part for the maintenance of the Broken Head Area.

Anonymous

1/27/2021 02:12 PM

Would prefer no cars on road

Anonymous

1/27/2021 04:04 PM

Please add paid parking.

Anonymous

1/27/2021 09:57 PM

I support paid parking as it gives locals a fighting chance.

Anonymous

1/27/2021 10:21 PM

I support pay parking in our Shire.

Anonymous

1/28/2021 12:45 PM

Happy to support this as long as residents are not negatively impacted.

Anonymous

1/29/2021 11:44 AM

Yes, it should be paid parking as it needs to pay for the special upkeep, and monitoring of the area otherwise the beauty of the area is just lost.

Anonymous

1/29/2021 02:46 PM

Given that most issues and agrevation with BH parking, is a result of "over tourism", and increased pressure on facilities and the natural environment due to increased visitor numbers trying to find a free place to park when visiting the beach, reducing the number of people being able to visit, by instituting a paid parking system, while likely to be seen as unfair, maybe the only option. That said, I'm sure no-one wants to see every possible beachside "parking" space in Byron, become a paid only access, which would fly in the face of the perceived "Byron vibe", which attracts so many visitors to Byron Bay, in the first place. Perhaps a minimum visit duration (say 1 hour, 2 hour, 4 hour, and 8 hour blocks, rather shorter time limits available, along with a "parking spaces available" notice system, (as is used at larger shopping centres and parking garages on the Gold Coast), with a remote live web cam monitor, could be used as a visitor moderation system? Alternatively, also having reserved fixed time block parking spaces, with locked access gate/retractable bollards, with keys/spaces purchased at council offices, the library, VIC and BH Holiday Park, could be an option, alongside the standard casual paid parking spaces?

Anonymous

1/29/2021 04:30 PM

keep it cheap for locals, make it more expensive for (QLD) visitors

Anonymous

1/29/2021 04:30 PM

Pay parking essential

Anonymous

1/29/2021 04:34 PM

This is acceptable if included in the existing council scheme

Anonymous

1/29/2021 04:38 PM

Yes should be pay park

Anonymous

1/29/2021 04:43 PM

no paid parking

Anonymous

1/29/2021 05:18 PM

I feel this should all be made paid parking

Anonymous

1/29/2021 05:30 PM

Make it free

Anonymous 1/29/2021 05:36 PM	Yes to pay parking
Anonymous 1/29/2021 08:09 PM	I already have paid parking for national parks
Anonymous 1/29/2021 10:05 PM	Good idea for traffic turnover and to discourage illegal camping
Anonymous 1/29/2021 10:24 PM	See above. Paid parking should be introduced as soon as parking bays are ready!
Anonymous 1/30/2021 06:26 AM	I think paid parking is a good idea with exemption for locals.
Anonymous 1/30/2021 07:02 AM	Only if it's a minimum 4 hours. Any less then this I don't support it
Anonymous 1/30/2021 07:15 AM	Yes introduce pay parking.
Anonymous 1/30/2021 07:42 AM	Paid parking should be introduced if council needs the resources to improve amenities in Broken Head village, which obviously at the moment nothing is happening, its dusty, unsafe and out of control on weekends and holidays. Paid parking allows for 'user pays' with tourists paying to use the area and locals paying the annual fee.
Anonymous 1/30/2021 07:48 AM	Only worthwhile if parking officers regularly police the area and book offenders. Currently, people park illegally as they seem to know that they won't be penalised.
Anonymous 1/30/2021 10:12 AM	Yes it should be introduced - but free for locals
Anonymous 1/30/2021 01:38 PM	Yes it should be pay parking
Anonymous 1/30/2021 04:25 PM	Parking should never cost!!
Anonymous 1/30/2021 09:58 PM	What for?
Anonymous 1/31/2021 08:34 AM	Yes it should be made paid parking for non shire residents To help with maintain everything

Anonymous 1/31/2021 01:54 PM	As a local we also have a shire permit so would be happy only if our permit covers this area
Anonymous 2/01/2021 07:01 AM	I don't mind paying but I don't think time limits should apply. I think it is a terrible thing that in Australia and in your local town you cannot just go down to the beach for the day with your family/friends. Terrible to have a time limit!
Anonymous 2/01/2021 11:10 AM	It's nice to be able to go to one beach in the area and find at least some spaces that are not paid parking. Current pay parking arrangement is suitable (some paid, some free). Particularly as there are residences on Broken Head Reserve Road - their visitors should be able to access free parking.
Anonymous 2/01/2021 05:42 PM	YES! Please! tired of the vans/backpackers taking up the spots and staying for ages. Also, it would deter people from being lazy, when they could just as easily WALK up the beach from Suffolk! This means less pollution (driving up and down the hill)
Anonymous 2/01/2021 07:21 PM	It would need to extend a long way, otherwise cars will just park outside the paid parking area. Need to put 'no parking' the rest of the way out Broken Head Reserve Rd all the way to the coast road.
Anonymous 2/03/2021 07:25 PM	I support paid parking throughout the Byron Shire as it catches money off day trippers however there should be further concession available to Byron rate payers in terms of a discount off the annual parking ticket, by showing a rates notice. Furthermore a Byron rate payer that buys a national park annual parking pass should get a deduction off a local pass covering the national parks within the Byron Shire only, again by showing a rates notice.
Anonymous 2/03/2021 08:33 PM	Make it paid parking to deter campers and people staying there for more than 3-4 hours. I fully support paid parking and have benefitted from it in Byron (I can now get a park in the middle of town in my lunch break!)
Anonymous 2/07/2021 12:25 PM	Good idea. Too many people just hang out there denying access to beach goers when times are busy.
Anonymous 2/07/2021 09:03 PM	Should be unlimited and free
Anonymous 2/08/2021 01:20 PM	Not unreasonable so long as the rate isn't too high. Consideration will need to be made for overflow parking outside of the paid zone for those who don't want to pay
Anonymous 2/11/2021 05:27 PM	Don't want it - parking metres look ugly in a natural setting
Anonymous 2/12/2021 09:20 AM	Do not want paid parking as creates inequitable access to the area
Anonymous 2/12/2021 01:34 PM	Make them payable 24 hours. Residents however, would not have to pay if they need to park there. I think it could be introduced at the same time that

you do all these works. Perhaps through paid parking and enforcing the current and future rules and laws, you could increase your revenue for future projects. Currently you are missing out on thousands of dollars of illegal parking, dogs on beach, fires, drones etc. by not enforcing such things. Thanks for listening to my opinion.

Anonymous

2/14/2021 01:05 PM

Good idea but use the funds to maintain road

Anonymous

2/14/2021 06:26 PM

Yes think it's a good idea

Anonymous

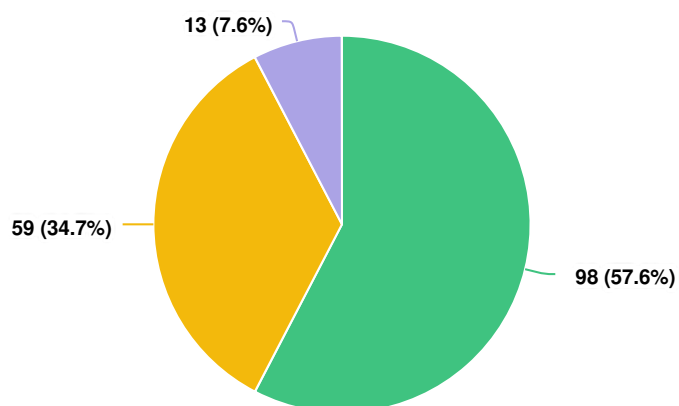
2/15/2021 09:03 AM

Do it! Ensure the money goes towards upkeep of roads/facilities

Optional question (111 response(s), 62 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q7 | Would you support the introduction of pay parking on Broken Head Reserve Road?



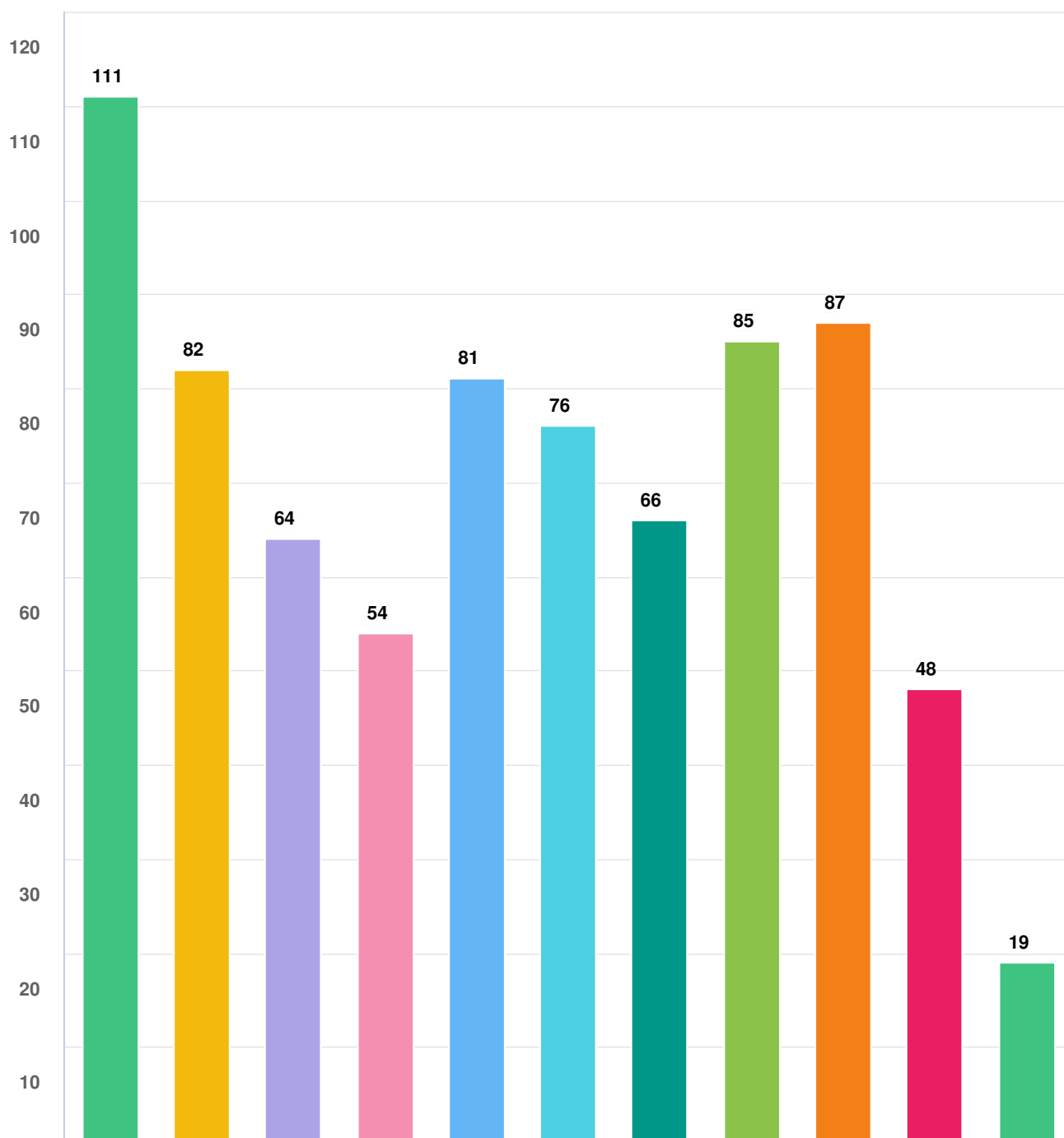
Question options

☐ Unsure ☐ No ☐ Yes

Optional question (170 response(s), 3 skipped)

Question type: Radio Button Question

Q8 When visiting the Seven Mile Beach Road area do you have any problems/concerns with any of the following? Select all that apply.

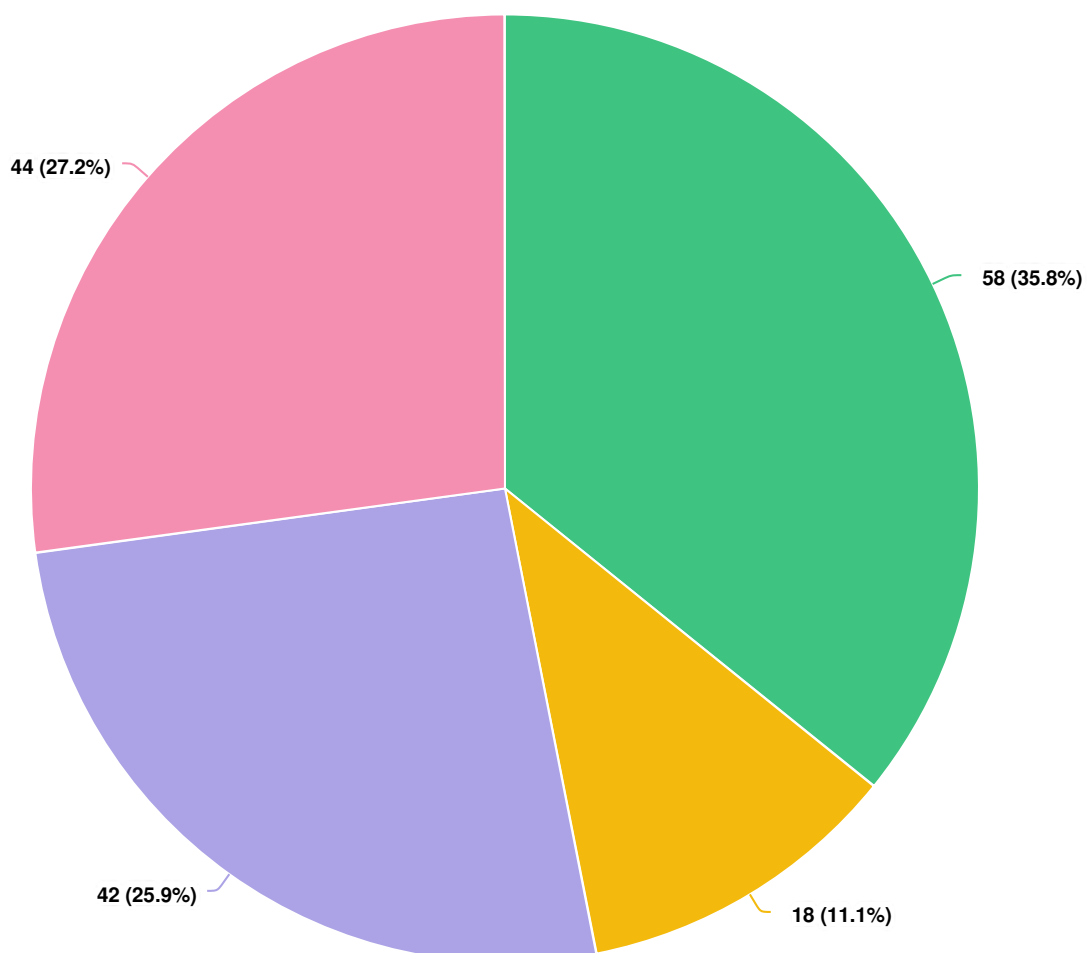


Question options

- Other (please specify)
 ● Accessibility to beaches
 ● Illegal camping
- Impact of traffic on wildlife and natural environment
 ● Erosion on road verges
 ● Dust
 ● Illegal parking
- Cyclist safety
 ● Pedestrian safety
 ● Traffic
 ● Availability of parking

Optional question (158 response(s), 15 skipped)
Question type: Checkbox Question

Q9 Which option do you support?



Question options

- Do nothing - leave the area as it currently is.
- Option 3: Sealing the beach carparks only.
- Option 2: Sealing Seven Mile Beach Road only.
- Option 1: Sealing the road and carparks at Whites Beach, Brays Beach and Seven Mile Beach

Optional question (162 response(s), 11 skipped)

Question type: Dropdown Question

Q10 | Do you have any other comments about the Seven Mile Beach Road options?

Anonymous

1/05/2021 03:46 PM

Sealing the car parks only would formalise the available car spaces. Sealing the seven mile road entirely will increase speed that drivers travel

Anonymous

1/05/2021 04:06 PM

Increase road safety signage or right of way. It can be really dangerous, particularly on blind corners, when there are two cars on the road passing each other.

Anonymous

1/07/2021 10:05 AM

Make it paid parking. AND Signage at the start of the road as to how many spaces are available at each beach/park and that they are popular and that parking is often full. This messaging seeks to inform tourists/sightseers/those who are attracted because of social media, and give them the opportunity to make an informed decision about whether they want to make the drive and risk no parks. The logic being - once people have driven the length to their car park only to find that there are no parks available, their frustration and time committed in getting them to that point leads them to park illegally and/or dangerously to avoid a feeling of loss over their time/effort it took to get there.

Anonymous

1/07/2021 11:27 AM

As a local, my key concern with this area is management of parking and illegal camping. I have no concerns with the sections of Seven Mile Beach Road remaining gravel/dirt.

Anonymous

1/08/2021 02:33 PM

Road calming devices could be installed to ensure traffic is slow and paving width could be optimal.

Anonymous

1/08/2021 03:55 PM

Any sealing will increase visitation. It is important that a paid parking system is implemented at the same time.

Anonymous

1/08/2021 04:14 PM

discourage tourists from using by implementing paid parking with time limits , for same reasons leave road, and carparks unsealed

Anonymous

1/08/2021 04:29 PM

Obviously to seal road and car parks best option, however alao need to limit the type of veichle that travels these roads...length and height of vehicle limits. Time limits on parking and patrolled properly by council and NPWS to enforce these. Could even make some.of this seasonal, different reatrickiona in summer to winter.

Anonymous

1/08/2021 04:33 PM

My main comment is around parking at kings beach. This is a popular beach, particularly with the LGBTIQ+ community - and meanwhile parking spaces have been removed from the lot and rangers are aggressive in policing any perceived parking infraction. It really has had an impact on the local community that use the beach, and we need a better way to allow beach goers to continue to enjoy this wonderful beach.

Anonymous

sealing the road creates traffic going no where...

1/08/2021 04:41 PM

Anonymous

1/08/2021 04:51 PM

Please stop backpackers abusing the parking.. they camp over night, bring dogs etc

Anonymous

1/08/2021 05:08 PM

there needs to be toilets at 7 mile,

Anonymous

1/08/2021 05:58 PM

If you seal the road more visitors will go there. Seal the car parks but make more car parks. Don't seal it and reduce the number of car parks like what happened at the pass and at tallows. Don't charge people to park there. Paid Parking is just shit.

Anonymous

1/08/2021 06:23 PM

There are not enough car parks and every time parking is "formalised" large amounts of parking options are lost

Anonymous

1/08/2021 06:53 PM

Improved drainage will also be needed to make sure the road surface changes do not causing erosion

Anonymous

1/08/2021 07:55 PM

Paid parking and entrance fees. Anything that discourages illegal camping and parties

Anonymous

1/08/2021 08:23 PM

More rangers to control illegal activities

Anonymous

1/08/2021 08:44 PM

Day visitors should be required to purchase a permit.

Anonymous

1/09/2021 06:26 AM

I think it would be a shame to seal the whole road, however do see the benefits making it safer and stopping the dust. I love to cycle the track but people drive like crazy and sometimes it is just not safe

Anonymous

1/09/2021 06:46 AM

I drive a a sedan and this road is to rough to even drive down. I look forward to using it one day

Anonymous

1/09/2021 08:54 AM

if it is sealed there will be more traffic making it more unsafe

Anonymous

1/09/2021 09:08 AM

Needs more regular visits by the ranger

Anonymous

1/09/2021 09:16 AM

Parking patrol to monitor illegal parking along the road making it difficult to fit through

Anonymous

1/09/2021 09:35 AM

CAR PARKS AT KINGS, WHITES AND BRAYS, SEVEN MILE NEED DEDICATED BICYCLE PARKING AREAS WHERE BIKES CAN BE SAFELY

LOCKED IN A SPACE THAT CANNOT BE USED BY VEHICLES. I THINK THAT SEALING THE ROAD WILL ONLY ENCOURAGE MORE PEOPLE TO DRIVE ON IT CREATING MORE PROBLEMS. BETTER MANAGED CAR PARK AREAS MAKE SENSE BUT KEEP THE ROAD UNSEALED AND LOOK AT OPTIONS TO PROVIDE A PEDESTRIAN / CYCLE SPACE AND TRAFFIC CALMING TO SLOW DOWN VEHICLES AND DISCOURAGE VEHICLE USE RATHER THEN ENCOURAGE IT. THIS UNSEALED ROAD IS AN AMAZING WALKING AND RIDING EXPERIENCE AND THIS IS WHAT SHOULD BE ENHANCED AND PRESERVED.

Anonymous

1/09/2021 01:19 PM

patrol and fine people not parking in the designated parking areas and make them paid parking

Anonymous

1/09/2021 01:54 PM

Allow for overflow parking on one side of road at Whites. As there is often no more available legal parks.

Anonymous

1/09/2021 05:48 PM

Ballina Shire residents are locals to the area as well

Anonymous

1/09/2021 09:37 PM

Please do not seal the roads- will only make more people want to drive down, just leave it dirty and dusty so people in their audis and BMWs don't drive down there!!

Anonymous

1/09/2021 11:56 PM

Parking spots at brays, whites and 7mile need to be cleaned up to allow proper access for parking, never enough spots for the amount of people wanting to use the beach or fishing spots. Jew point has no parking at all. 7 mile parking could easily be doubled if some trees were trimmed back and area was cleaned up. Even another car park and track at the top of the hill at 7 mile would help with access for beach goes.

Anonymous

1/10/2021 07:21 AM

This is a special place that is locals mostly only know about! I do not give a shit if a movie star wants to live there. They chose that choice when it was gravel. We need that area to remain the same so locals have a place to go that is not over run!

Anonymous

1/10/2021 09:28 AM

Make the parking options more clear and eliminate the silly fines

Anonymous

1/10/2021 09:46 AM

why cant we access this area late at night to fish?

Anonymous

1/10/2021 09:59 AM

No paid parking. Don't seal the road

Anonymous

1/10/2021 12:24 PM

Sealing the roads will certainly increase traffic to these areas and make them more popular due to easier access. But as Byron bay popularity increases this is inevitable.

Anonymous

I dont support any of these options bc they will all increase traffic flow without

1/11/2021 03:16 PM

addressing the narrow unsafe road and whilst increasing dangerous and illegal parking. At the very least bollards need to be installed along the entire length of Seven Mile Beach road , both sides. IF SEALED - there needs to be a centerline marking AND BOLLARDS along the entire length on BOTH sides of the road. By simply sealing the road and car parks you will ONLY ENCOURAGE illegal and dangerous parking on the sides of the roads. More traffic marshals and high fines for illegal parking and rubbish fines. Ive lived at Broken Head for 15 years (Byron for 23) and its been such a sad sad shame watching this area getting ruined. PLEASE listen to the residents and spend this money wisely.

Anonymous

1/11/2021 03:47 PM

I support the installation of a boom gate at the start of Seven Mile ROad that will be locked at night to prevent overnight campers. As a Broken Head local I strongly oppose sealing the road fully as it will increase users of the road to completely destructive levels.

Anonymous

1/11/2021 05:50 PM

add composting toilets at all parking areas please urgently.

Anonymous

1/11/2021 06:51 PM

If the road is sealed, you will need to have strategic speed bumps to slow down traffic. Sealing this very narrow road will create speeding cars, dangerous with without speed bumps.

Anonymous

1/11/2021 09:56 PM

Is it possible to connect 7 mile beach road car park directly to Broken head toad at the southern end?

Anonymous

1/11/2021 11:59 PM

Please make sure rangers patrol more often and protect this amazing beach. Seven Mile Beach and the neighboring beaches are some of the World's finest beaches and need better protection for long term use.

Anonymous

1/12/2021 08:29 AM

None will reduce congestion which is the main problem, paid parking may help.

Anonymous

1/12/2021 04:16 PM

The Bray's Beach parking area at the sealed section should be reopened. 108 no stopping signs are excessive. The exceptional Covid-19 event that left campers with few options caused illegal camping but the reaction to this, namely the signs, was excessive.

Anonymous

1/13/2021 11:50 AM

Any sealed areas will only add to the traffic. Paid parking seems like a way to ensure locals have a fair go at getting a park. Locals are more likely to drive slow and respect the area. Introduce paid parking but leave the roads as they are.

Anonymous

1/13/2021 01:12 PM

I think it's a bad idea, leave the road unsealed to discourage flash cars from accessing the beaches. I think there needs to be more parking spaces but I dislike the idea of metered parks. They are the last un tainted beaches, leave them alone.

Anonymous

1/14/2021 02:46 PM

I would just introduce paid parking and if possible more parking. I love the road unsealed, as it is, as dusty and dangerous as it can get, it's the beauty

	of the white unsealed rd that adds to the character of the place
<p>Anonymous</p> <p>1/14/2021 08:09 PM</p>	<p>The road is too busy. Too many people visiting it needs to be pedestrian only except for residents or nature loses it habitat , it's a nature reserve not a car reserve</p>
<p>Anonymous</p> <p>1/17/2021 10:59 AM</p>	<p>Only to say again that more car park areas are needed the whole way along it. People like myself are probably happy to park and then walk a fair way away from the carpark they'd like to park in if it's full. Not ideal but you can still park and get to the beach you want to go to. When the areas for parking were closed off and the signs went up , little consideration was given to fishermen like myself who park at areas all the way along that road particularly at Jew point and I do t think enough research was done at the time before that measure was implemented.</p>
<p>Anonymous</p> <p>1/17/2021 05:02 PM</p>	<p>The dust would no longer cover roadside vegetation. There would be far less need for ongoing road resurfacing, and visitors would be more likely to respect painted car spots in the car parks and/or alongside Seven Mile Beach Road. At this stage, it is a free-for-all, with visitors respecting the parking signs only when fined by council rangers.</p>
<p>Anonymous</p> <p>1/17/2021 07:46 PM</p>	<p>Local parking permit parking only along this road would resolve a lot of issues along seven mile road.</p>
<p>Anonymous</p> <p>1/17/2021 08:13 PM</p>	<p>More patrolling illegal parking</p>
<p>Anonymous</p> <p>1/18/2021 10:58 AM</p>	<p>It will be difficult to manage the popularity of visitation to Seven Mile beach Road.</p>
<p>Anonymous</p> <p>1/20/2021 08:56 AM</p>	<p>I think it used to be quite inaccessible due to the quality of the road (often washed out - would need a 4WD). I'm worried that sealing the road, although improving water quality and reducing dust, would result in even more traffic accessing the reserve. I would like paid parking to be introduced to Brays and Whites Beach car parks (not sure if that's Council or NPWS responsibility). I would be quite happy to pay for the day's use here provided the funds went into management of those areas (e.g. dune management at the termination of the road on Seven Mile Beach).</p>
<p>Anonymous</p> <p>1/20/2021 04:17 PM</p>	<p>Proposed seven mile beach parking is on private land. Other options are not investigated eg a paper road that could enter from the south. I have brought it up with BSC staff but the southern access ignored Tarring the whole road without effective traffic calming will be a disaster. No attention is given to alternative uses in safety like cycling and walking. I would need a real plan before agreeing to complete tarring What is the real reason for proposed tarring for the first section?protecting nearby properties could be achieved with a hundred metres of tar From the intersection Where is guaranteed traffic control along the entire length. Just tarring is not an option All 3 options do not achieve safety of all users and environmental protection in</p>

their present form. This is a half baked strategic disaster that needs to be remedied before any reckless activity sets up future destruction of what has been described as the jewel in the crown of the north coast.

Anonymous

1/21/2021 04:43 PM

One of the important things about this unsealed section is it remains one of the few dirt road remaining on the east coast of NSW...and is an attraction in its own right.....good roads always lead to more people and the desire to further develop!!!! There should be some adventure (even if limited) for people in the Shire...Lets not have gentrification and formalisation of every beach and car park in the shire..we have enough of that in town. Locals who have resided on the back road bought there because of the way it is...it does not have to change just because more tourists want to go and have a look...Please consider leaving the way it is ... managing illegal camping and lower the speed limit if safety is an issue. Maybe work on a non-formal upgrade to car parks and make it paid parking so the locals who have paid their extra money can access the area and backpackers and tourists can pay their share .

Anonymous

1/23/2021 03:36 PM

Leave the road unsealed – but addressing the number of parks at Whites and Brays could be helpful.

Anonymous

1/23/2021 05:53 PM

parking at 7mile please

Anonymous

1/25/2021 06:23 PM

More parking than present should be provided to give people the opportunity to visit and enjoy this special area respectfully. Think of weed control works in the entire Road Reserve of 7 Mile Beach Road to complement the works already carried out on the surrounding properties and in the Nature Reserve.

Anonymous

1/27/2021 02:12 PM

None of the above are an option if byron council is at all interested in protection of the wildlife

Anonymous

1/27/2021 04:04 PM

Police the camping

Anonymous

1/27/2021 09:57 PM

Sealing the road will be a disaster as it will increase traffic dramatically. It will also encourage people who wish to "just have a look" without getting out of their car. Sealing the road will also increase the speed of driving with dangerous consequences to other cars and pedestrians due to the narrowness of the road. PLEASE DO NOT SEAL THE ROAD.

Anonymous

1/27/2021 10:21 PM

I believe that the road should be left as is and restricted to people that have a current payed parking permit in Byron shire to reduce the traffic and deter speed and allow other outside visitors to ride walk or cycle in safety . The speed and amount of traffic that this road has on a daily basis creates a danger for all users our local environment ,that police and council cannot regulate.

Anonymous

I think the best option is leaving it as it is. Overall there is minimal pressure

1/28/2021 07:54 AM

on the reserve roads use. Only during summer northerlies for a few months of the year is the pressure even noticed. The rest of the year is quiet up there

Anonymous

1/28/2021 12:45 PM

Sealing these roads will make them more popular and invite increased pressure on this naturally beautiful environment, therefore it should not be sealed. I advocate sealing the parking bays to support the management of legal parking and limit visitor numbers.

Anonymous

1/29/2021 11:44 AM

I have answered in this way but it really can't be answered in this fashion as it needs a whole of road plan to ensure that the number of cars, the way they drive up and down can all be regulated. Just sealing it could make matters worse but if there were resources to monitor with patrols etc, it could be better.

Anonymous

1/29/2021 02:46 PM

Sealing the entire road length means reducing dust, and improving conditions for the environment in the nature reserve itself, so the only logic option to pay for this, is also the introduction of paid parking. (sigh.)

Anonymous

1/29/2021 04:30 PM

We want to have it as natural as possible. Sealing the roads and making them look like highways is against everything people enjoy and will just attract more people who do not value a natural environment.

Anonymous

1/29/2021 04:30 PM

Remain inclusive

Anonymous

1/29/2021 04:34 PM

Existing Parking is adequate

Anonymous

1/29/2021 04:38 PM

I would like to see it stay as gravel road. I know it is more maintenance for council, and more dust for residents, but I worry it will get overrun by tourists and constantly busy at the back beaches if bitumen. I see illegal camping there all the time

Anonymous

1/29/2021 05:18 PM

i think time limits should be made so that more people can enjoy the area - I would suggest 2 hrs.

Anonymous

1/29/2021 05:30 PM

Do not make it paid leave it free

Anonymous

1/29/2021 05:36 PM

No

Anonymous

1/29/2021 08:09 PM

keep it maintained for safety and signs made very clear, strict speed limit signage.

Anonymous

1/30/2021 06:26 AM

The only problem with sealing the road is that this will increase use as often gravel roads deter people. We would need to plan for increased use or limit the number of vehicles per day- perhaps a gate and park entrance fee with limited numbers.

Anonymous

1/30/2021 07:15 AM

Maintain after heavy rain.

Anonymous

1/30/2021 07:42 AM

Dust and silt runoff into the Nature Reserve and Conservation Areas along the road is a greater issue than most realise. If true studies were done of the gullies and low areas, years of silt runoff will be found which is not acceptable in one of the nations 'Biodiversity Hotspots' and a designated 'Nature Reserve'. Sealing of all roads and carparks will improve this as a start. This will also allow Council and National Parks to control parking further.

Anonymous

1/30/2021 07:48 AM

Install speed limit signs.

Anonymous

1/30/2021 07:57 AM

Resurface but not with asphalt. Close park of an evening. Residents only. With serious signage and boomgate.

Anonymous

1/30/2021 01:38 PM

Sealing the road will only encourage vehicles to drive faster thus endangering wildlife and put other users at greater risk. I have been running the Seven Mile Beach Road every morning for many years and I doubt the cost/benefit analysis of sealing the whole road would stack up. Dust from vehicles, as it affects residents is already mitigated by the existing sealed section.

Anonymous

1/30/2021 04:25 PM

Don't seal everything and leave it mor natural. Don't impact the environment even more

Anonymous

1/30/2021 04:46 PM

Sealing is likely to increase traffic speed and volume. Are Council considering speed bumps or other traffic calming devices? Will Council have rangers on duty to ensure parking fees are paid and traffic is not parking outside the car parks? Otherwise I don't support sealing the road.

Anonymous

1/30/2021 09:58 PM

Sealing the roads is costly, it would mean more visitors so more traffic, more impact on wildlife, bigger issues. There enough beaches fully developed with easy access, let's keep just few as they are, Why do people go there? Because it is a bit wilder, a bit outside of the beaten track. Let's keep it that way

Anonymous

1/31/2021 08:34 AM

No

Anonymous

1/31/2021 01:54 PM

If sealed needs regular speed bumps to slow people speeding

Anonymous

1/31/2021 04:44 PM

Whilst sealing would provide dust relief, i truly believe it will become a dangerous race track, as a land owner i either drive or cycle the road several times each day. Extreme caution is taken when we are on our bikes, yet a close call is a weekly occurrence. Minor fender benders are a regular feature on several of the corners, we are constantly picking up broken pieces of plastic bumpers, blinkers and headlights. This problem will become terrifying

when a speed increase of 30-40% is seen. (I'm sure the engineers will take this into consideration, along with the danger of the few 'blind corner driveways'). Safety concerns aside, extra traffic being encouraged by a beautiful road will definitely increase the amount of human shit and rubbish in the bush (currently out of control, locals are picking the majority of the rubbish up daily and taking it to town with them).

Anonymous

2/01/2021 07:01 AM

I think other options should be explored. I don't think these are the only options viable nor do they address many of the issues e.g. illegal camping, pedestrian\cyclist safety, volume of traffic

Anonymous

2/01/2021 05:42 PM

sealing would encourage more tourists up this road. If anything, find a way to discourage instagrammers from continually tagging these places that once were secret :(Do not make it more inviting in any way to go up there, as it cuts right through a wildlife area

Anonymous

2/02/2021 05:37 PM

if you seal the road. do NOT cut trees, cut embankments or create drains.

Anonymous

2/03/2021 07:25 PM

There should be more carparks created as the word has long been out about the more remote beaches accessed off 7 mile beach road. Byron council along with the majority of the Byron population have encouraged tourism. Having a limited number of carparks at some locations means locals trying to enjoy a location that is part the reason we live here is no longer possible. Charging money to park and limiting the duration someone has to enjoy the beach is better than not getting there at all.

Anonymous

2/07/2021 12:25 PM

Dust is only a problem for the very few residents. Sealing the narrow road has the potential for drivers to ignore the dangerous nature of the road.. A sealed road gets pot holes eventually and they present far more danger than a gravel road.

Anonymous

2/07/2021 09:03 PM

Sealing any of it will only bring more traffic to this sensitive area. This is the last thing that we need. Please create more parking spaces, and please keep them free of charge. Please DON'T seal any roads or car parks. Please DON'T install parking meters or introduce time limits. This would not make 7 mile beach area better.

Anonymous

2/08/2021 01:20 PM

There is inadequate parking around Kings beach, but places where the road is wide and safe enough for cars to park. Council must make thousands from parking fines for people exercising common sense to park safely, in spite of punitive no-stopping signs. Better signposting of walking paths from Broken Head to Kings might encourage more people to park down the bottom and walk to Kings instead.

Anonymous

2/08/2021 04:35 PM

I ride my bike along Seven Mile beach road several times a week. I am worried that sealing the road will not only increase traffic (inviting people to explore who wouldn't normally venture off on a dirt road) but also increase the speed at which cars will travel. On a dirt road drivers tend to be more careful. This is already evident on the current sealed section where drivers

speed up. If this road is totally sealed our group will certainly think twice about riding there for fear of our safety. Additionally, how much more road kill will increase? Sure the dust can get a bit much when we haven't had much rain & cars drive past, but haven't the main sections of road near houses already been sealed. Please don't ruin this piece of natural paradise

Anonymous

2/09/2021 05:42 PM

Please leave us one dirt road to cycle along If it is sealed it will just make cars drive along there faster making it more dangerous for cyclists & wildlife.

Anonymous

2/10/2021 09:40 AM

The proposal to seal entrance to King's Beach is a terrible idea as it will only attract more people into the Park thinking that it is a great road all the way. And King's Beach does not attract families or surfers. If the whole length of 7 Mile is to be sealed in stages then starting at the South end makes more sense so the heavy equipment isnt corrugating newly sealed road near King's.

Anonymous

2/10/2021 08:21 PM

Suggest limiting the amount of cars allowed in these areas.

Anonymous

2/11/2021 05:27 PM

Please leave it as is a natural dirt road .Sealed road will just encourage more visitors and encourage faster driving. At least with the rutted road cars have to slow down to drive to conditions . We ride this road on bikes every Week and feel it's the only natural spot left . Please don't take this away from us too

Anonymous

2/11/2021 07:18 PM

I'm concerned sealed road will increase speed of cars and car numbers. This would put cyclist and more importantly wild life(wallabies echidnas) at risk.

Anonymous

2/12/2021 09:20 AM

This is a unique area that would suffer from increased traffic and visitors ,created by a sealed road and parking. Id be keen to understand why dust reduction and sealed road reduces erosion and wildlife damage as this seems counter intuitive.

Anonymous

2/12/2021 01:34 PM

Enforce slower speed limit.

Anonymous

2/14/2021 01:05 PM

Start road sealing project at south end

Optional question (101 response(s), 72 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

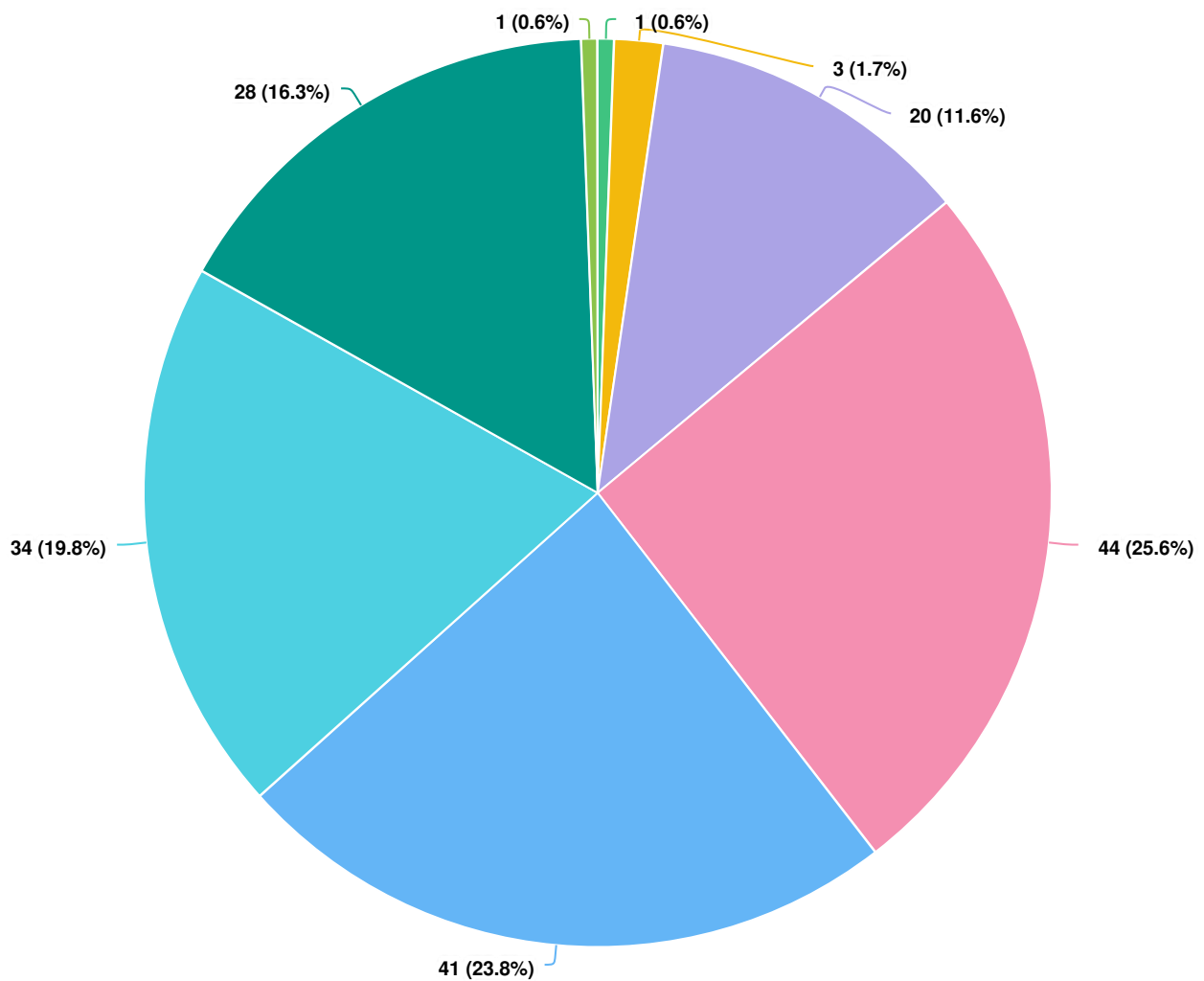
Q11 Please provide the postcode of your primary place of residence.

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Q12 Which age group do you belong to?



Question options

☐ Rather not say ☐ over 65 ☐ 55-64 ☐ 45-54 ☐ 35-44 ☐ 25-34 ☐ 18-24 ☐ under 18

Optional question (172 response(s), 1 skipped)

Question type: Radio Button Question