

please tell us what you think....

Korogoro Creek Estuary Data Compilation and Processes Study

COMMUNITY SURVEY

Kempsey Shire Council in conjunction with the NSW Department of Natural Resources has initiated an Estuary Management Planning Process for Korogoro Creek under the NSW Government's Estuary Management Program.

The Council has engaged a local consultancy business, GECO Environmental, to prepare the first stages of the EMP, the data compilation and review stage and estuary processes study.

The study will look in detail at the Korogoro Creek estuary system including the tidal dynamics, entrance conditions, water quality, ecological processes, and human use considerations. The study will draw upon both technical/scientific information and local knowledge and values of the creek. Land and aquatic areas outside the estuary area that impact upon the biophysical or social environment will also be considered.

The Council and consultants are keen to hear from you, as residents and users of Korogoro Creek, as to what the key issues for management of this area are now and into the future.

The following survey is one of the first stages in the planning process and will help focus the development of the Estuary Management Plan. Further opportunities for comment will be available throughout the process, however it is important that we hear your views early to help us get on track.

PLEASE FORWARD your survey/comments to any of the following;

- **Hand delivered to:** Hat Head Holiday Park
Hat Head Bowling Club
Jordan's Fish Shop
Hat Head Coastal Cafe (Blue Cafe)
Kempsey Shire Council, Customer First Centre marked
"Attention Ron Kemsley"
- **Faxed to:** Kempsey Shire Council, on 6562 2345, marked "Attention
Ron Kemsley"
- **Mailed to:** Damon Telfer, GECO Environmental,
5 Arcadia Lane, Grassy Head NSW 2441

Ron Kemsley, Kempsey Shire Council,
Senior Natural Resources Officer,
PO Box 78, West Kempsey NSW 2440

Please return by 5pm, Friday 2nd February 2007.

Additional copies of the survey can be downloaded via the internet at
<http://www.kempsey.nsw.gov.au/estuarymanagement.htm#korogorockest>

Lower Korogoro Creek Estuary - Usage Map



Please indicate on the map in pen:

1. The areas of Korogoro Creek you most frequently use.
2. The location of any issues or values of importance to you.

Number if necessary and provide details or comments below....

Korogoro Creek Estuary, Community Survey

Are you a resident of Hat Head? YES NO

If no, where are you from?

Macleay valley Mid north coast Other NSW Interstate Overseas

Please indicate how you use the Korogoro Creek area...

Boat access to ocean Camping/caravanning Walking Swimming
 Recreational fishing Boating within the creek Passive recreation (reading, picnicking, etc)

Other (please describe)....

Please indicate the importance you place on the following estuary related values...

Your answers will help focus the future management of the estuary area.

| | Very Low | Low | Moderate | High | Very High |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| A permanently open estuary mouth | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Vehicle access to the creek bank | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| The ability to fish | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| A healthy estuary ecosystem | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Safe swimming location | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Native foreshore vegetation | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

What other features of Korogoro Creek are important to you?

(Please describe)

Are you happy with current access arrangements to the estuary?

(Indicate Yes/No & comment)

| | YES | NO | |
|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------|
| Boat ramps | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Comment: |
| Vehicle access | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Comment: |
| Pedestrian access | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Comment: |
| Disabled access | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Comment: |

How would you rate the health of Korogoro Creek?

| | Very Poor | Poor | Moderate | Good | Very Good |
|----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Water quality | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Fish populations | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Foreshore vegetation | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Bank stability | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

What, if any, issues or impacts do you think affect the health of the Creek?

(Please describe)

Are any of the following issues of concern to you?

| | Very Unconcerned | Unconcerned | Don't Know | Concerned | Very Concerned |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Sea level rise and climate change | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Habitat protection | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Bait collection in the creek | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Tropical fish collection in the creek | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Bank erosion | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Uncontrolled vehicle access on the southern bank of the creek | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Weeds in the foreshore vegetation | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Litter/rubbish | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Stormwater discharge into the creek | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Poor water quality after flooding | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Washing of vehicles near the creek | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Scenic amenity | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Cultural heritage (indigenous) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Other *(please describe)*

Are there any comments you would like to make?

Thank you for your time and interest