

Macleay River Estuary Management Plan Monthly Progress Report November 2010



Summary of overall progress:

The DRAFT Estuary Management Plan (EMP) is has been prepared for Public Exhibition. This will provide all interested parties (general community, non-government organisations and government agencies) with the opportunity to:

- assess what is proposed for the management of the estuary,
- assess the means and implications of any proposed actions; and
- to put forward suggestions or register any objections to the recommended management actions in the DRAFT EMP.

A copy of the DRAFT EMP will be available for download from Council's website. Hard copies will be available for review at Council's office and libraries.

Community workshops on the DRAFT Estuary Management Plan will be held in Kempsey, Stuarts Point and South West Rocks in mid to late January 2011 to allow for community input into the proposed priority actions. Notification of dates and timeframes for the community workshops will be advertised broadly in a range of media outlets.

The final report version of the Estuary Management Study (the background document to the draft EMP) was finalised and submitted to Council in October 2010.

The Marine Infrastructure Assessment (recreational boating infrastructure study) report has been completed and is included in the DRAFT EMP report. This includes concept plans for upgrades to boating facilities and associated recreational facilities at five key sites: Fishermans Reach Boat Ramp, Kempsey Riverside Park, Jerseyville Boat Ramp, a new boat ramp at Smithtown and upgrade to Back Creek Boat Ramp. The purpose of the concept plans is to demonstrate their design potential through the implementation of the recommended management strategies.

Summary of work undertaken in previous month:

- Submission of initial draft EMP to Council;
- Incorporation of review comments from Council and other authorities in final draft EMP for public exhibition;

Summary of work planned for next month:

- Arrange community workshops for draft EMP in January 2011.



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