

# Macleay River Estuary Management Plan Monthly Progress Report April 2010



## Summary of overall progress:

The initial draft of the Estuary Management Study (EMS) has been completed for review by the Coast and Estuary Management Committee. The initial draft includes the following information:

- A description of the study area and the various legislative, policy, and planning instruments that apply to the Macleay River Estuary Management Plan;
- a summary of the outcomes of community survey undertaken over the Christmas holiday period (2009/2010), the community workshops held in September / October 2009 and stakeholder consultations;
- an assessment of the estuary issues including development of initial management strategies to address the issues. The issue topics comprise: riparian management and erosion; floodplain wetlands management; acid sulfate soils; floodgates and drain management; boating; sedimentation and dredging; tourism; habitat protection; fishery management; threatened species; water quality; climate change; heritage; and estuary health; and
- the EMS includes the draft marine infrastructure assessment report which assesses boating facilities;

Following review by the CEMC and subsequent amendments, a round of community workshops will be held to assist in developing the management strategies for the estuary. Notification of the exhibition period and workshops will be advertised in local newspapers / newsletters.

## Summary of work undertaken in previous month:

- the consultant team (*GeoLINK, GECO Environmental and Aquatic Science and Management*) finalised assessment of estuary issues and development of initial management strategies;
- Compiling of initial draft of Estuary Management Study report for review by Coast and Estuary Management Committee;

## Summary of work planned for next month:

- Presentation of initial draft EMS to the Coast and Estuary Management Committee (CEMC);
- Amendment of initial draft EMS based on comments provided by CEMC;



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