



KEMPSEY  
Shire Council

## DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES REPORT

11<sup>th</sup> October 2005

**DSS9                      HORSESHOE BAY RESERVE**  
**FILE: 505    KLB**

### SUMMARY:

Reporting on the Draft Plan of Management for Horseshoe Bay Reserve.

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Council, at its meeting of 10 May 2005, resolved:

*"1. That consideration of the Horseshoe Bay Plan of Management document be deferred until Councillors have had an opportunity to have input into the Plan."*

Councillors were provided with amended plans and documents on 18 May 2005, for comment.

Amended documents and drawings were forwarded to the Department of Lands on 18 May 2005 for comment.

Two responses were received. The Department of Lands response was favourable and noted that one other cabin precinct comprising ten cabins was also expected to revert to open space.

One Councillor commented to the effect that the same cabin precinct be removed with an additional two precincts comprising 12 cabins noted for removal. Three existing or proposed buildings were also opposed.

The South West Rocks & District Chamber of Commerce & Industry Inc has expressed strong opposition to the closing of the caravan park in a letter received in March 2005.

The Draft Plan of Management including the May 2005 amendments generally accords with the principles of Crown Land Management while addressing the demands upon the Reserve and

Caravan Park as an economic driver for the town of South west Rocks and as a source of management funding.

## **REPORT IMPLICATIONS:**

- *Environmental*

*The amended draft plan recognises the important natural, cultural and visual values of the Horseshoe Bay Reserve and observes environmental protection principles. It provides a framework for developing sustainable management practices for these resources.*

- *Social*

*The changes to the caravan park section may have a social impact on tourists in the future. No details have been provided from the Caravan Park Managers and the Chamber on these perceived impacts.*

*It is anticipated that the adoption of a Plan of Management will increase the social value of the reserve to the community by optimising public access and use of the reserve over time.*

- *Economic (Financial)*

*There will be an economic impact on the business operation of the caravan park but with staged implementation the reduced income stream should be redressed by the replacement of caravan sites with permanent cabins.*

- *Policy or Statutory*

*The general principles of Crown Land management require environmental protection principles to be observed and natural resources to be conserved wherever possible. Public use, access and multiple use of Crown land is to be encouraged, and crown land is to be used and managed sustainably.*

- *Director's Review*

*The public need the opportunity to view this plan and provide comment to Council.*

*Council is urged to support the recommendation.*

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

**That the amended Draft Plan of Management document for Horseshoe Bay Reserve be placed on public exhibition for comment by the public for 28 days.**

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