



KEMPSEY
Shire Council

DIRECTOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES REPORT

14th March 2006

**DSDS8 DRAFT SALTWATER CREEK ESTUARY
MANAGEMENT STUDY and PLAN
FILE: 385 RFK**

SUMMARY:

Reporting that the Final Draft Report – Saltwater Creek Estuary Management Study and Plan (Feb 06) has been prepared.



The Final Draft Report – Saltwater Creek Estuary Management Study and Plan (Nov 2005) has been prepared in accordance with the NSW State Governments Estuary Management Manual (Oct 92). The aim of the Estuary Management Plan is to ensure ecological sustainability of the estuary, whilst balancing the demands on the system by human uses.

The Final Draft Report was endorsed by the Coast and Estuary Management Committee and was recommended that the Report be presented to Council for review and placed on public exhibition.

The Saltwater Creek Estuary Management Study and Plan has been developed in close consultation with Councils Coast and Estuary Management Committee, the Saltwater Creek Working Group, the Department of Natural Resource (formally DIPNR) and other relevant state agencies.

The Report follows the development of the Saltwater Creek Estuary Process Study (Nov 2002) and is underpinned by social, environmental and economic considerations.

Funding for the Report has been on dollar for dollar basis between Kempsey Shire Council and Department of Natural Resources.

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- ***Environmental***

There will be no significant environmental impacts arising from the Saltwater Creek Estuary Management Plan. The development and adoption of the Saltwater Creek Estuary Management Plan will provide guidance and assist Council in ensuring that the ecological integrity is sustainably managed and maintained.

- ***Social***

There will be no significant social impacts arising from the Saltwater Creek Estuary Management Plan. The development and adoption of the Saltwater Creek Estuary Management Plan will provide guidance and assist Council in managing the social requirements of the creek / lagoon and to ensure that they are consistent with and do not impact on the ecology requirements of Saltwater Creek and lagoon.

- ***Economic (Financial)***

There will be no significant economic impacts on Council or the community of South West Rocks arising from the Saltwater Creek Estuary Management Plan. The development and adoption of the Saltwater Creek Estuary Management Plan will provide guidance and assist Council in ensuring that the economic benefits derived from the natural resource attraction of Killick Creek is sustained.

- ***Policy or Statutory***

The Saltwater Creek Estuary Management Plan has been prepared in accordance with the NSW Governments Estuary Management Program.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the draft Saltwater Creek estuary management Study and Plan be adopted for the purposes of public exhibition.

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