

24 November 2022

Refers to: Item 14.07 OCM 17-11-22

The Honourable Dominic Perrottet Premier of NSW 52 Martin Place Sydney NSW 2000

Dear Premier Perrottet

South Breakwall Project, Port Macquarie NSW

Transport for NSW is currently planning works to the Southern Breakwall in Port Macquarie. At the Ordinary Council meeting on 17 November the Councillors heard from the community about their concerns for the project and resolved to seek additional information from yourself the Premier of New South Wales.

Council heard significant concerns in relation to the Port Macquarie Southern Breakwall project. Of particular concern is a lack of information supporting the decision to undertake works on the breakwall. Accordingly, Council resolved that I request the NSW Government to;

- 1. Undertake a thorough independent review of the community engagement process and the engineering and arborist reports for the project on the Southern Breakwall in Port Macquarie;
- 2. Comprehensively address in writing, the numerous questions raised by the Port Macquarie Hastings community, that have been previously provided to the State Member for Port Macquarie, Leslie Williams. That include;
 - a. Engineering reports, surveys or specific advice that considers the express need to replace or repair the rocks and or sections of the southern breakwall, including the head of the breakwall and the sandbar.
 - b. A request to show evidence that the Norfolk Pines must be removed to complete the works.
 - c. An indicative timeline for the works to be completed.
 - d. Any detailed final designs for the works to be completed.
 - e. Copies of the written submissions from the most recent community consultation process (2022).
 - f. Any evidence that the most recent (2021-2022) community feedback has been taken into account in determining the final designs for the works to be completed.
 - g. Any reports or information relating to the impacts on local business, the local economy or health impacts that the Community may need to be made aware of.
- 3. Request Transport for NSW to urgently provide to Council the high resolution multibeam hydro survey and point cloud-drone survey which was used to produce the cross sectional 3D model of the southern breakwall.

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Your prompt assistance with this matter would be appreciated given the publicly stated project delivery timelines.

Yours sincerely

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