**KIAMA COUNCIL OPPOSES PROPOSED BORAL LIMITED SAND MINES AT DUNMORE, KIAMA MUNICIPALITY**

**Minutes of the ordinary meeting of Council, 21 May 2019**

**11.7 Boral Limited Dunmore Lakes Sand Extraction Project Modification 2**

***19/173OC***

**Committee recommendation** that Council:

1. Advise the Department of Planning of our strong opposition to Modification 2 for

the reasons set out in the attached submission, and because:

(a) The areas proposed in Modification 2 are physically separated from those

considered in the original approval and have a far greater likelihood of

causing environmental impact.

(b) Areas 5A and 5B are both located in very close proximity to the

Minnamurra River, and unlike the existing extraction areas, has the

potential to impact on ecologically important ecosystems such as Coastal

Wetlands and Bangalay Sand Forest, in addition to impacts on tourism

and the scenic amenity that is of very high value to the Kiama Community.

(c) Area 5A is located opposite Kiama Municipal Council’s Waste and

Recycling Depot and sand extraction in that location will potentially impact

upon groundwater hydrology, mobilising contaminated groundwater with

resultant impacts on the adjacent Minnamurra River. This potential risk

has not been sufficiently evaluated.

(d) The proposal appears to be inconsistent with the Objectives in Part 2

Section 6 of the Coastal Management Act 2016 (and the former SEPP 71)

which are as follows:

(i) to protect coastal wetlands and littoral rainforests in their natural

state, including their biological diversity and ecosystem integrity,

(ii) to promote the rehabilitation and restoration of degraded coastal

wetlands and littoral rainforests,

(iii) to improve the resilience of coastal wetlands and littoral rainforests

to the impacts of climate change, including opportunities for

migration,

(iv) to support the social and cultural values of coastal wetlands and

littoral rainforests,

(v) to promote the objectives of State policies and programs for

wetlands or littoral rainforest management.

(e) The potential impact on Flora and Fauna is likely to be significant and has

not been evaluated sufficiently. Area 5B is surrounded on three sides by

the Minnamurra River and coastal wetland containing mangrove forests

and salt marsh.

(f) Area 5B is very low-lying and council is concerned that the extraction will

impact on natural groundwater and surface water (flood) flows with

resultant impacts on the adjoining coastal wetland ecosystems.

(g) According to the supporting documentation, 56% of Area 5B is made up of

Bangalay Sand Forest vegetation that is classified to be in either

moderate or good condition and it is proposed to remove completely 4.53

hectares of this ecologically endangered forest.

(h) Council is concerned about noise and dust pollution to the residents of

The Village (part of Minnamurra, off Riverside Drive), located within 500

metres of Area 5A.

(i) Council is concerned that increased heavy vehicle traffic on Riverside

Drive to service area 5A (including proposed backfill at that site) will add a

significant traffic risk on the primary northern access road to the suburbs

of Minnamurra, Kiama Downs and Gainsborough and has not been

adequately addressed.

(j) Neither council nor the community has been provided access to Area 5B

to allow evaluation of the impacts of the proposed Modification.

2. Request the Department of Planning terminate the current assessment process

and consider this a new proposal, as Areas 5A and 5B are distant from the

current approved extraction areas and will have a range of different impacts.

3. Request the Department of Planning, either as part of this (or any new)

proposal, offer a guided site tour in conjunction with the proponents to Kiama

and Shellharbour councillors and staff and interested community group

representatives.

4. Amend the Submission to the NSW Department of Planning and Industry to

add the points raised above and include a copy of the council resolution.

5. Forward a copy of this resolution to Shellharbour Council (and councillors) for

their information as soon as practicable.

(Councillors Way and Rice)

For: Councillors Brown, Honey, Reilly, Rice, Sloan, Steel, Watson, Way and

Westhoff

Against: Nil