

Wamberal Beach Terminal Protection & Sand Nourishment – Investigation & Concept Design: Phase 1 consultation

Engagement Summary

Between 9 November and 7 December 2020 Central Coast Council began the first phase of community engagement for the Wamberal Beach Terminal Protection and Sand Nourishment Investigation and Concept Design project.

Key community touchpoints in the first phase of engagement included:

- A dedicated project webpage
- Wamberal StoryBoard and community survey
- Community drop-in information sessions

Through these engagement activities, the community were provided with information regarding the complex and longstanding erosion issue at Wamberal Beach and invited to complete a values and uses survey for Wamberal Beach. The questions asked were designed to assist Council to understand what the community love about Wamberal and Terrigal beach, how they use the coastal environment and the broader sentiment toward a long-term solution to the erosion issues. This information will be used to guide the concept designs and future steps for the project.

Drop-in information sessions provided an opportunity for the community to speak with Council project staff, coastal engineering consultants and representatives from the NSW Government Advisory Taskforce about the project.

Engagement Results

Survey results revealed that:

- **83.5%** of participants said that Wamberal Beach was very important to them and 82.9% said that Wamberal is their most visited beach
- **63%** of participants said their general experience when visiting Wamberal- Terrigal Beach before the July-August erosion emergency was very good vs **5.5%** saying it was very good after the emergency
- **80%** of participants said that cleanliness of beach sand was very important in their decision to use Wamberal-Terrigal Beach
- **80.9%** of participants said that maintaining a sandy beach was very important

Discussions during the drop-in session identified common ground between the majority of community members and stakeholders, this included:

- all participants wanting a sandy beach
- majority would like to see the erosion issue addressed

What next

Further analysis of the feedback received during the phase one consultation is currently being undertaken.

These results will be used to guide concept designs and future steps for the project. A detailed phase 1 consultation report is underway and will be released soon.

Phase two consultation (workshops) will commence in early 2021.

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How did we go?



1,844

Visits to Your Voice Our Coast website



94 People participated in face to face drop-in information sessions

7 People participated in virtual drop-in information sessions



15 People submitted questions using the online tool



9,815

Coast Connect subscribers reached

514

Surveys completed



MORE THAN 25,413

Social Media users reached
Generating **327** likes, comments and shares

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