**Council Resolution on Wooli Misinterpreted**

Terry Deefholts’ article (Sat 27 Feb, “Wooli in erosion danger line”), reported on Clarence Valley Council’s (CVC) recent resolution on the Emergency Action Sub Plan (EASP) for Wooli.

He correctly said that CVC intends to restate its position to the NSW Minister for the Environment that the emergency coastal protection works provisions enabling private property owners to defend their properties from coastal erosion is unworkable and impractical.

However, Mr. Deefholts incorrectly wrote that Wooli community’s submission to Council called on it to change its policy on this matter to allow landholders to defend their own properties. In fact, the submission from the Coastal Communities Protection Alliance-Wooli (CCPAW) supported Council’s position to the Minister. The article suggests that CCPAW and CVC didn't agree on the Draft Plan or related matters when that wasn't the case.

Further, the article doesn't highlight the main focus of the Emergency Plan which is to protect lives, rather than public or private assets.

Wooli Coastal Zone Management Plan (CZMP) is the main document when it comes to managing the coastal erosion issues, with the EASP a small but important part. CCPAW is collaborating with CVC on this critical plan. We have made good progress in initiating a research program to provide the necessary reliable data to support long-term management strategies for Wooli beach. We are currently installing cameras to record sand and water movements, have completed an initial beach survey and work actively with Dunecare’s revegetation and dune building programs.

In spite of severe recent storms, Wooli beach has never looked better and community efforts to protect and rebuild the dunes are achieving impressive results. We look forward to continued cooperation with CVC to secure Wooli’s future.

Yours sincerely,

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