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Submission to the Draft Recreation and Open Space Strategy.

Proposed Boatramp and Fishing Facilities – Kyla Park Foreshore Reserve

Dear Council,

The Tuross Head Progress Association would like to thank Eurobodalla Shire Council for reiterating to the Tuross Head community the extent of the community public land available to the community.

The Community and Public land maps provided in Council's Draft Recreation and Open Space Strategy appendix reiterated to new residents of Tuross Head that there is a large parcel of Community owned public reserve directly adjacent to the Tuross Lake that is positioned behind a fence line and accessed through a gate that says Private Road.



Now reminded of the status of this land the THPA would like to raise, on behalf of the Tuross Head community, a submission to the Draft Recreation and Open Space Strategy that will provide an opportunity of reminding Council of the **current** Kyla Park Community Land Foreshore Reserves, Parkland & Boat Ramp Plan of Management No 26 Adopted 9 December 2003 that puts forward the following (*Section 14.6.1 in part*):

- To provide for a boat ramp, carpark and associated infrastructure on Lot 86 DP260321 in such a manner consistent with the principles of Ecologically Sustainable Development (refer to page 52) and will minimise and mitigate any disturbance caused by human intrusion.

The Management Plan notes: *This project is identified in Council's Eurobodalla Waterways Infrastructure Strategy - A Strategy for the Provision and Maintenance of Wharves, Jetties and Launching Ramps throughout Eurobodalla Shire, June 2002. Section 12.4.1.3 of the strategy comments "An additional ramp to the upper parts of Tuross Lakes has been requested. This should be investigated as it will decrease the amount of uncontrolled launching currently occurring along Hector McWilliam Drive. An appropriate location is off the community land opposite Lake Street (Lot 75 DP 260321). This proposal should be further investigated in any plan of management for this area."*

Additionally in 14.6.1 of the Operational Plan for land categorised as General community Use - part lot 75 DP 260321 set down on this management Plan it states the following (in part):

To provide a boat ramp, car park and associated infrastructure to meet the needs of the community in relation to recreational boating access to Tuross Lake.

To ensure that the development of a boat ramp, car park and associated infrastructure is not unduly intrusive to nearby residents.

§ Boat ramp, car park and associated infrastructure located appropriately to minimise any impact on nearby residents.

§ Road on the easement through the Community Land (Lot 75) is maintained by Council in accordance with the relevant Australian Standards for road maintenance.

Means of Achievement:

§ Application for funding from Council sources

§ Application for funding from grant sources

§ Utilisation of allocated funds raised from the lease for grazing on Lots 78 & 790

§ Local fund raising

§ Community consultation with neighbouring property owners on any proposal to restore and/or regenerate foreshore land.

With just a quick read of the above Councillors might now like to reacquaint themselves with the **Kyla Park Community Land – Foreshore Reserves, Parkland & Boat Ramp– Plan of Management No. 26** which you can find at the following link:

<http://www.esc.nsw.gov.au/site/publications/strategies/management/26KylaPark.pdf>

It was disappointing to see that there was no mention of fishing in your Draft Recreation and Open Space Strategy.

Tuross Head residents would nominate recreational fishing as one of their primary recreational pastimes and recreational fishing is certainly a major economic drawcard to this village. There is an ever increasing demand for a second boatramp to provide access to the Tuross Lake, especially in light of the continued shoaling problems being encountered at the Lavender Bay boatramp.

Kayaking is also proving to be a major tourism drawcard to the Tuross Lake system and the single facility at Lavender Bay is under increasing demand during the summer period. The opportunity for kayakers to access the Broadwater and the northern sections of the Tuross Lake will see an increased recreational appreciation of this area.

The THPA hopes that Council will now look closely at its current Plans of Management and the recommendations of these documents and choose to initiate the recommendations made following previous extensive public consultations. THPA endorses that, as per one of several Draft Recreation and Openspace strategy key recommendations (p.49) for Tuross Head Council now **Implement Kyla Park Community Land, Foreshore Reserves and Boat Ramp Plan of Management - Adopted 2003.**

THPA also encourages ESC to continue to provide support in seeking out grants to maintain existing recreational fishing facilities whilst also looking for new opportunities to provide the facilities that will be required by the ever increasing visitor numbers to the area.

Yours sincerely
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