

PRESENTATION TO NORTHERN BEACHES COUNCIL: COLLAROY SEAWALL, JUNE 2016

Thank you for this opportunity to speak on behalf of Surfrider Foundation and the three thousand or so people that attended the "line in the sand 2002".

Seawalls damage beaches,

Rock walls damage beaches,

Anyone who cares to dispute this should try walking from Collaroy to Narrabeen keeping the seawall to your left at high tide this weekend.

Surfrider made an undertaking to fight for sand nourishment for Collaroy Narrabeen beach and those who love it and we have been true to our word.

We have met with politicians, premiers and ministers, mayors and councilors, public servants at all levels in state and local government.

Indeed we have sought and secured thousands of m³ of sand from developer's excavations along Collaroy/Narrabeen.

Surfrider has argued for retreat and nourishment in light of the documented changes we are experiencing in weather patterns and sea level rise.

We realise nourishment to be the preference for government for cost reasons as indeed the last buyback occurred when your Mr. Perrsons was

last administrator.

While Surf rider has not given up on 'retreat' we can see a more innovative system of rolling acquisition is required than currently exists.

As far as nourishment goes there has been some important movement in this area with a scoping study for offshore sand reserves now completed for the Sydney region as well as an economically waterproof argument for commencing same as soon as possible... EIS's permitting.

I table SCCG's scoping study for offshore sand reserves and point out 2.3 CBA for Manly and 1.6 Collaroy/Narrabeen.

Surfrider has argued long and hard for the best outcomes for the beach.

Beaches are sand not rock, beaches are ours and for future generations.

The economic value of Sydney's beaches is indisputable (refer you to SCCG....tabled) but it is Surf rider's conviction that the less measurable, more intangible values of this beach are more important particularly in the light of an ever increasing population.

The world is littered with ill-conceived vandalistic coastal amouring projects that have

destroyed waves beaches and local economies.

Now is the time to get really serious about being legally entitled to move appropriate sands from offshore reserves on to our stricken beach.

Now is the time to revisit and properly assess a longitudinal sand pumping system for this magnificent yet endangered stretch of sand a system that can quickly move sand from north to south, south to north build and nourish where required supplemented in time by dredges pumping from nearshore on shore to wherever the need is most and while we are at it perhaps create some great waves to boot to satisfy the thousands and thousands of surfers who magically seem to miss out on any sporting, health, or cultural funding .

Surfrider calls on the new NBC to make funds available to immediately and aggressively pursue sand nourishment opportunities and a system for managing the same for Collaroy/Narrabeen and Manly beaches if not others

Now is the time to leave the “stone age” move to future management strategies.

Thank you

Surfrider calls on the new Northern Beaches Council to make funds available to immediately and aggressively pursue sand nourishment opportunities and a system for managing the same for Collaroy/Narrabeen and Manly beaches if not others