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By email

The Mayor and Port Stephens Councillors
General Manager Port Stephens Council
116 Adelaide Street
Raymond Terrace NSW 2324

PSC Ordinary Meeting - Notice of Motion Item 1: Lot 424 Halifax Holiday Park

Dear Councillors and Manager,

Shoal Bay Community Association would like to reiterate the comments made by the Tomaree Ratepayers Association in their email dated 23 July 2018 in regards to the Notice of Motion Item 1 concerning Lot 424 Halifax Holiday Park.

The area concerned is public parkland heavily used by both community members and visitors alike and any change of use would mean less public parkland for public use and the possible future removal of mature trees for the installation of more cabins.

Direct access to Shoal Bay Beach from Little Beach, would be heavily curtailed, especially when the westerly wind negates many of the advantages of Little Beach through the exclusion of public access. The increase in noise and pollution from additional motor vehicles, BBQs and parties to surrounding residents would be increased dramatically changing the natural bushland nature of the area.

It has been noted in the Notice of Meeting Attachment 1 that in the past Council has endorsed proposals to exclude Lot 424 from revisions to the Halifax Holiday Park and that Community Consultation should take place before any proposed amendment. This has not happened.

The Shoal Bay Community Association agree with Councillor John Nell:

“THAT COUNCIL:

- 1) Request the General Manager to seek legal advice on the status of Lot 424 next to the Halifax Holiday Park, because in an open meeting on 11 May 2010 it was resolved that Council:
 - a. Endorse the proposed revisions to the draft Plan of Management for Halifax Holiday Park, excluding Lot 424.

b. Amend the draft Plan of Management document and plans to reflect the revisions outlined in the attachment to this report, excluding Lot 424.

c. Request the Minister for Lands to approve and adopt the amended Plan of Management, excluding Lot 424.

However, on 8 March 2016 in a confidential meeting, without the resolution from the Council meeting of 11 May 2010, having been rescinded, it was resolved that regarding Lot 424:

"Trust endorsed that inclusion and development of the lot should proceed but not before community/consultation plan had been developed and taken back to the trust for comment before implementation. Plan would initially set out status and control of the land for the local community before and consultation on its actual development."

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

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cc: Shoal Bay Community Association Committee

The Shoal Bay Community Association Inc. has made no reportable political donations or gifts.