HAVE YOUR SAY ON BELLINGEN CROWN RESERVE

Minister for Lands, Tony Kelly, today encouraged the people of Bellingen to have their say on the draft plan of management for the Bellingen Coast Regional Crown Reserve.

Mr Kelly said the Bellingen Coast Regional Crown Reserve comprises all of the Crown lands along the 14 kilometre coastline of the Bellingen local government area, from Tuckers Rock in the north to Oyster Creek in the south.

“The Bellingen coast is an area of great natural beauty and this plan allows local families to continue to enjoy it while providing a contemporary framework to preserve the unique values of the area,” Mr Kelly said.

“The area has a vibrant tourism industry. Sustainable management and development of the reserve along with the protection of natural resources is essential to support tourism and the local economy.”

Mr Kelly said the Bellingen Coast Regional Crown Reserve draft plan of management would be on public exhibition until 30th October 2009

Major initiatives covered in the plan include:

- Ongoing management of environmentally sensitive lands.
- Upgrading of public recreation areas and facilities.
- Improvements to public access throughout the reserve.
- Improvements to tourist accommodation facilities.
- Improved income generation to support ongoing land management.

The draft plan can be viewed at the Grafton office of the Land and Property Management Authority, Bellingen Shire Council Chambers, Urunga Library and Mylestom General Store. It will also be available on the LPMA website at www.lpma.nsw.gov.au.

Written submissions are invited and can either be forwarded to LPMA’s Grafton office or emailed to CLWR.NorthCoast@lpma.nsw.gov.au by 30 October 2009.

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