Strategic Plan for Byron, Ballina and Richmond Coastlines

Minister for Lands, Tony Kelly, today announced that the Land and Property Management Authority (LPMA) will develop Plans of Management for the Byron, Ballina, and Richmond Coast Regional Crown Reserves.

“The LPMA has completed a Plan of Management for the Tweed Coast Regional Crown Reserve and is now proposing to complement it with plans for all coastal Crown lands along the Byron, Ballina and Richmond Valley coastlines,” Mr Kelly said.

“This project will result in strategic planning being put in place for 122 kilometres of coastline covering an area of 8,820 hectares.

“This will achieve consistency in planning across local government area boundaries on important issues, including climate change and sea level rise along our coasts, natural resource management, increasing demand for tourism services, and will advance the social and economic development of our communities.

“Crown reserves provide for a diverse range of society’s needs and we must ensure their future is secure through careful planning for sustainable use and management.

“This is an important and necessary initiative for the coastline of one of the state’s fastest growing areas,” said Mr Kelly.

“Tenders will be called next month and in consideration of the size of the project it is expected to take up to 12 months to complete.

“As the plan is progressively developed there will be ample opportunity for the community to provide input. When the draft plan is completed there will also be an additional period for full public consultation.

“The Keneally Government is committed to maintaining crown lands for use by future generations,” Mr Kelly said.