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Management Plan for Tweed Coast Regional Crown Reserve

A new holiday tourist park at Cabarita Beach is just one of a number of potential development opportunities identified in a management plan for Tweed Coast Regional Crown Reserve.

Minister for Lands, Tony Kelly, today announced the adoption of the Plan of Management for 319 parcels of land covering 24,000 hectares.

“Tweed Coast Regional Crown Reserve incorporates all the coastal reserves from Point Danger to Wooyung, the Tweed River, coastal creeks and the bed of the South Pacific ocean out to the state territorial limit,” the Minister said.

“The plan aims to protect environmental and cultural values, enhance and encourage public use and access, and improve social and recreational opportunities on this valuable reserve.

“It identifies a number of potential development opportunities such as a new holiday tourist park at Cabarita Beach, to provide ongoing funding for maintenance and development of the regional Crown reserve for the people of the Tweed and NSW.

“The plan is significant in it also identifies the values contained within the reserve whether they be environmental, social or economic and recognises important assets such as the Tweed Sand By-pass System.”

A draft plan was exhibited by the Land and Property Management Authority for public comment in 2008 and responses received were considered in the finalisation of the plan.

Duty MLC for Tweed, Amanda Fazio, welcomed the announcement.

“Tweed Shire Council, the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water and NSW Maritime all had input into the plan,” Ms Fazio said.

“This plan will guide the future management of this important public asset for the benefit of the local community.

“The community will have further opportunities to comment on specific proposals within the plan as they are progressed.”

The plan will be available for viewing on the Land and Property Management Authority website at www.lpma.nsw.gov.au later this week.