PORT MACQUARIE EXHIBITION PERIOD EXTENDED

The public exhibition period for the draft Plan of Management for the Crown waterfront lands at Port Macquarie has been extended by a further 10 days.

Minister for Lands, Tony Kelly, said it was originally on public exhibition from 17 March to 13 April 2010 but, due to a high level of public interest, it will now close on April 23.

The Plan of Management covers Crown waterfront lands between Settlement Point and Town Beach and includes the Hastings River.

“A range of possible uses are proposed such as tourism, hospitality, waterfront recreation, retail and boating facilities,” the Minister said.

"Foreshore development sites and enhanced public access to the foreshore between Settlement Point and Town Beach are given equal weight.

“The plan also includes a dredging strategy in recognition of the importance of the lower Hastings River estuary to the economic, social and environmental future of the city.

“It's hoped the proposed changes would better cater for existing and future needs of residents and tourists.

“This is a great opportunity to promote economic development and create jobs while at the same time improve public access to the waterfront.

“It is very important the community takes time to review the draft plan and provide feedback to the Land and Property Management Authority.”

The draft plan is available for viewing on the Land and Property Management Authority’s website at www.lpma.nsw.gov.au, while hard copies can be viewed during office hours at Port Macquarie Library and Historic Court House in Clarence Street.

Responses can be emailed to tareecrownlands@lpma.nsw.gov.au or mailed to Regional Manager, North Coast Crown Lands Division, Land and Property Management Authority, PO Box 440, Taree NSW 2430.