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Subject: No to Ralphs Bay Canal

Proposed Ralphs Bay Canal Estate – Objection

On behalf of the Coffs Harbour Jetty Action Group, I wish to join in the protest against the above.

Environmental Damage

In a state that can be less than proud of its environmental record, this is another cause for deep concern.

Canal estates are banned in NSW and Victoria due to the environmental damage they cause, and also in Tasmania's Kingborough municipality. There is a moratorium on canal estate construction on Queensland's Gold Coast.

Risk of Sea Level Rise

Our local council, not known for any concern about the long-term effects from sea level rise, has recognised a coastal buffer as follows:

- a. Sea Level rise of 91 cm. General consensus is that for every 1 cm rise, you lose 1 metre of land.
- b. Storm surge of 7 metres.

Most of the beaches in the Coffs Harbour area have a well-developed dunal system, and offer some, albeit short-term, protection.

You cannot possibly say the same for sand-flats. For the developer to claim that a canal estate at Ralphs Bay would provide any protection to Lauderdale is absolutely ludicrous.

Thank you,

Mal Anderson

Hon Secretary, Coffs Harbour Jetty Action Group

Report identifies high risk areas as sea levels rise – ABC – 22 Jan 2009



The report has identified 300 homes which could be at risk as sea levels rise. (ABC News: Phil Long)

A new report on the impact of climate change on coastal areas has identified high risk properties in Tasmania's south.

Clarence was the only Tasmanian council to take part in the national study.

The report has found a significant number of properties in low lying coastal areas at Lauderdale, Cremorne and South Arm road face the threat of erosion, flooding, sea level rises and storm surges.

By the year 2100, the threat is expected to extend to other coastal areas in Clarence, including Clifton Beach and Kangaroo Bay.

The report recommends the revegetation of beaches, adding more sand to them and reinforcing roads.

It has also recommended new planning controls and the installation of effective sewerage systems.

The report's co-author Clive Attwater says about 300 homes have been identified as high risk but the extent of the threat is difficult to determine.

"We've had a number of flood events in recent decades," he said.

"In most cases they've been what we would regard as nuisance floods, wet back yards, some roads overtopped which hasn't actually affected access to date.

"On the other hand they haven't been the most extreme storm events that we know could happen," he said.

Public forums on the report will be held next month.