

Section: MOTION ON NOTICE 24 February 2009

Item: 10.006/09 CROWN LEASE TURNER'S BEACH – YAMBA SURF CLUB
SUMMARY

I propose that the following report and notice of motion be adopted by Council.

PROPOSED MOTION

That Council make urgent representations to Minister for Lands Hon Tony Kelly seeking either inclusion of crown land at Turner's Beach in the Coastal Reserve Trust or alternately a Crown Lease in favour of Yamba Surf Life Saving Club to enable provision by the club of urgently required surfing related facilities.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION - 10.006/09

(Crs Comben/Hughes)

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Voting recorded as follows:

For: Councillors Williamson, Comben, Dinham, Howe, Hughes, McKenna, Simmons, Tiley, Toms

Against: Nil

BACKGROUND

Around two and a half years ago the Yamba Surf Club approached me to support securing a lease from the Department of Lands in favour of the club of Crown land at Turners Beach and roughly in a triangle between the breakwater, southern car park and eastern road access to Turners. The purpose at the time was to secure a location to store surf rescue boats in lieu of the unsatisfactory and remote scout hall at Wooloweyah. There was also some talk about the possibility over time to construct other surf amenities on the land . Council at the time advised that it might be able to secure the land within the Coastal Reserves Trust.

ISSUES

In May 2008 the Yamba SLSC President Mr Ray Burrridge informed me that the club was frustrated with the Department of Lands in regard to securing some resolution to the matter. The club has since approached the Department seeking a lease to permit erection of a shed adjacent to the toilet block at Turner's beach given they remain short of storage space on Main beach and the shed is necessary to store IRB's, rescue boards, skis and surf boats. A greater presence at Turners by lifesavers would also be an additional positive outcome.

On 18th December Mr Burrridge advised that the club had not heard from the Lands Department since May 2008. The club is currently paying for a storage shed in the Yamba Industrial precinct.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

Councillor Ian Tiley

Date: 18th December 2008.