10 May 13

The Hon. Barry O’Farrell, MP
GPO Box 5341
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Dear Sir,

Coastal Management Reform

The Australian Coastal Society (ACS) represents over 200 eminent scientists, coastal managers, industry professionals and members of the coastal community up and down the NSW coast and across Australia.

The NSW Branch of the ACS is writing to assist the NSW Government in developing a sustainable coastal management framework for our valuable coastline.

We attach for your consideration, a number of proposals we believe constitute best practice coastal management, and that would help make NSW No. 1 amongst other states and territories. There are a number of key elements that make up this vision and importantly, differentiate our approach from those previously tried, and deliver what we consider to be an appropriate coastal management framework:

- A new regional approach to management based on the extent of natural coastal systems,
- A sustainable funding model to implement robust coastal management decisions, and
- Clear statutory links with strategic land use planning.

If you would like to discuss this vision, or require any further advice please do not hesitate to contact Angus, who is the designated ACS spokesman for this project. Details are provided below.

I look forward to your response.

Yours faithfully,

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The Hon. Robyn Parker, Minister for the Environment
The Hon. Brad Hazzard, Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
The Chair, NSW Coastal Panel