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The Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP
Premier of NSW
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Dear Premier

Financial Reimbursement for Emergency Coastal Erosion Works

At the Extraordinary Meeting of Central Coast Council held 3 February 2021, Council resolved the following:

- 1 *That Council receive and note the report on Cost of Emergency Works at Wamberal Beach and The Entrance North Beach.*
- 2 *That Council acknowledge the recent commitment from the NSW State Government to partially reimburse Council to the value of \$992,501 for emergency works that were undertaken at Wamberal at the direction of the Local Emergency Operations Controller.*
- 3 *That the Administrator write to the NSW Premier seeking reimbursement of the total cost of works undertaken at the direction of the Local Emergency Operations Controller at an estimated total cost of \$2,886,640.*
- 4 *That should a full reimbursement not be provided, that the money spent by Council in undertaking the works be acknowledged as a credit in any funding model developed for a long-term solution at each respective location.*

Following the significant erosion caused by an East Coast Low storm event in July 2020, Council was directed to undertake emergency works by the Local Emergency Operation Controller (LEOCON) under s61 of the *State Emergency and Rescue Management Act 1989*.

The cost of constructing the emergency toe protection works at Wamberal Beach and The Entrance North Beach has totaled approximately \$2,886,640. Council was of the understanding that all emergency works would be fully funded through the emergency management framework. Advice from Resilience NSW has indicated that the works do not qualify for funding.



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Council staff lodged grant applications for both Wamberal and The Entrance North under the NSW Coastal and Estuary grant program seeking fifty percent reimbursement (the maximum available). On 19 November 2020, Council received advice that the funding application for Wamberal had been successful with up to \$992,501 of funding made available. Council also received advice on the same day that the application for The Entrance North had been unsuccessful.

With \$992,501 of funding confirmed as forthcoming, I request your support to further reimburse Central Coast Council the sum of \$1,874,139 for the cost of works undertaken at Wamberal Beach and The Entrance North Beach, due to coastal erosion during severe storms in July 2020.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dick Persson', written in a cursive style.

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Cc Adam Crouch, Parliamentary Secretary for the Central Coast
David Mehan, Member for The Entrance