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Dear Kelie,

RE – Draft Collingwood Beach Dune Vegetation Management Plan

Thank you for providing the resolutions adopted at the SCC meeting held on Tuesday 24 May 2016. While we support the proposed variations i) and iii), we cannot support the second variation:

- ii) Zone 5 prune trees and tall shrubs to a height 1m-1.5m

The existing protocol specifies a minimum height of 1.5m. For trees and tall shrubs, we consider this already a very low height. At a lower height than this:

- The risk of tree mortality increases. Additional tree mortality is not desirable.

Furthermore, this could further reduce tree root penetration, resulting in less dune stability. In this case, the zone becomes more susceptible to extreme weather conditions that could result in adverse impacts to private and public assets as well as the ecological values of the reserve.

For these reasons we would like to remove our branding (Logo) from the modified report prior to public exhibition so it is clear that the suggest protocol (iii) is not at the suggestion of NGH Environmental.

We would like to further clarify that we consider the current plan to be very much a compromise in terms of accepting some level of risk to dune stability and sustaining ecological function, to ensure that views are maintained and therefore that the plan has local support. We do not recommend further changes that add to the existing level of risk.

Yours sincerely,



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