

Catherine Hill Bay Progress Association Newsletter

Catherine Hill Bay Progress Association and Dune Care Inc

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For Association members, Friends of Catherine Hill Bay, residents and supporters everywhere

A Happy New Year to all our members and supporters!

As mentioned in our last newsletter, celebrations and holidays have been overshadowed by the threats to our community by “over the top” development proposals at both ends of the Bay. Those of you who have been at Catho during the past week will have seen that the banners that were so effective in our past campaigns have been spruced up and supplemented by a whole raft of new slogans.

Members have also been on the beach over the holidays and will be out for the 2011 Catho Classic surfing competition on 7-9 January informing people of the current development proposals, In particular we are asking people to voice their opinions on the latest Rose Group project application for 600 suburban lots proposed around the southern end of the village of Catherine Hill Bay.

But if that were not enough, we have now been advised that LakeCoal propose to demolish the jetty in the next few months before returning the leased area to the state! This has also been put on public exhibition and we need to respond within the coming weeks.

Save Catho – Save the Jetty

“The beach with the jetty” is how many people know Catherine Hill Bay. The jetty is *the* symbol of the Bay and is loved by surfers, fishers, scuba divers, locals and visitors alike. It was listed as an item of heritage significance in the *Lake Macquarie Local Environment Plan* in 2004, and voted an icon by the people of the Hunter Region in 2006.

We appeal to all our members to write yet another submission – this time to Industry & Investment NSW to reject this demolition proposal and to further explore a range of possible adaptive uses and methods of administration for the jetty. Attached is a form letter that you may wish to use, but of course you may also add your personal comments or write your own submission.

To view the Environment Impact Statement (EIS) which is now on exhibition go to:

www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/.../pdf_file/0019/370207/aa-N6045906_21Dec2010_FINAL_Catherine-Hill-Bay-EIS.pdf - 2010-12-30

Submissions must be sent to:

Ms Jane Flynn, Senior Environment Officer
Mineral Resources, Industry & Investments NSW
PO Box 344
Hunter Regional Mail Centre NSW 2310

Deadline for submissions on the jetty is: close of business 31 January 2011

As you can imagine, there is much work to be done to maintain these three simultaneous fronts to our Save Catho campaign, so any assistance would be greatly appreciated. If you can spare an hour or two, please contact Sue Whyte on 49762310.

Next **Progress Association meeting is on Saturday 15th January at 2pm on the lawn at back of 5 Clarke St.** (neither the surfclub or the old RSL Hall are available). I know that many of you are on holidays but please come if possible. We have invited our local member Robert Coombs to attend.