

COUNCIL REFERENCE: 3423-05 (D09/141902)
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2nd September 2009

The Hon Carmel Tebbutt
Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water
Level 30, Governor Macquarie Tower
1 Farrer Place
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Ms Tebbutt

Burrill Lake Entrance Management

Due to the economic and social impacts caused directly by the extended periods of the closure of Burrill Lake and the escalating community frustration at the lack of Council's capacity to adequately address this issue, Council on 14th July 2009 overwhelmingly supported a MOTION of Clr Ward, seconded Clr Green, that:

- a) *Council write to all appropriate Government Departments in order to seek support for an amendment to the Burrill Lake Entrance Management Plan to reduce the level at which the lake can be manually opened;*
- b) *The Mayor formally write to all Burrill Lake Residents and the Ulladulla Community Forum and provide copies of these representations along with the information brochure produced by Council on this matter; and*
- c) *Council make representations to the NSW Government requesting that consideration be given to a permanent solution to securing the lake's opening including the possible sand mining of Burrill Lake by a private operator and that Council be involved in any such discussions.*

Please find attached a copy of the Council brochure which summarises the existing management position. This position is not broadly supported by the local community because of the adverse flooding impacts clearly visible at levels well below the opening level.

Consequently, I now seek your support and urgent consideration of options available to improve our management responses.

If I can be of further assistance or should you require additional information I would be pleased to meet with you at your convenience and can be contacted on (02) 4429 3260.

Yours faithfully

Russ Pigg
General Manager
Attach