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PARK PARTNERSHIP OPENS UP PUBLIC SPACE

NSW Crown Holiday Parks Trust has proposed to Byron Shire Council a series of amendments to the Adopted Plans of Management for its holiday parks at Ferry Reserve, Massy Greene and Terrace Reserve which will open up the public foreshore for families and reduce the parks' impact on the environment.

Following consultation first with park residents, the community will be invited to park walkthroughs for feedback in the coming weeks.

The proposed amendments were endorsed in principle at Byron Shire Council's ordinary meeting held on 25 August after continued consultation with Council to ensure key community feedback was addressed.

NSW Crown Holiday Parks Trust CEO Steve Edmonds said it has been a pleasure working with Council to review the Adopted Plans of Management for the Trust's parks in Brunswick Heads.

"We are pleased that our revised park layouts if approved will open up the spaces and deliver significant benefits for the community," Mr Edmonds said. "I need to stress that the park residents will be consulted before any amendments are finalised."

"Opening up the public access corridor between our Ferry Reserve Park and the Brunswick River by 1000m² and creating an inviting recreation space connected to the existing foreshore are only two of the amendments proposed to improve this area. Low fencing and attractive vegetation buffers have also been proposed to prevent holiday park guests from spreading out into the public space."

"Measures to protect the Cypress Pines are another important inclusion in the proposed amendments."

"The reduction in camping sites across all three parks, the redesign of the park layouts and the increase in cabin accommodation would allow us to increase the space for the local community to enjoy while still remaining a viable and sustainable business."

Byron Shire Council General Manager Ken Gainger said the Council and the Trust had been working through issues raised by the Brunswick Heads community and the Council was pleased that most of those issues had now been resolved through further amendments proposed to the Plans of Management.

"We are really pleased with the outcomes provided by the Trust to integrate the holiday parks with our treasured public space," Mr Gainger said. "It has been a collaborative partnership and we are happy with the outcome as noted at our last Ordinary Council Meeting."



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Mr Edmonds said the initial green light from Council regarding the proposed amendments meant that before the formal amendment process, the Trust would engage stakeholders through guided park briefings and meetings with residents as well as through a period for feedback and comment before the exhibition of the Amended Draft Plan of Management in February next year.

“Any changes we make will also be done in consultation with our park residents who are key stakeholders with legal rights regarding their tenancy.”

For a complete list of the proposed amendments to the Adopted Plans of Management for the North Coast Holiday Parks at Ferry Reserve, Massy Greene and Terrace Reserve please visit <http://nswchpt.com.au>.

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