



STCA Submission to the Dept of Planning, Industry & Environment **Re: The Bay Resort -Anna Bay**

The South Tomaree Community Association (STCA) is an Anna Bay community group comprising residents and businesses.

Anna Bay is a small tourist coastal town within the Port Stephens Local Council.

Anna Bay sits on the Tomaree Peninsula surrounded by the most amazing natural beauty, landscape and Aboriginal Heritage.

- Our coastline is a mecca for dolphin and whale watching
- Mangroves and wetlands that support a vast array of flora and fauna, both endangered and rare. Including birds like the rare 'pied oystercatcher'.
- We have nearly 20km of pristine coastal sand dunes-the largest in the Southern Hemisphere together with beautiful beaches that are safe and clean
- National Parks that show off spectacular views of the bay and interesting walks
- Cultural heritage that spans Worimi Conservation Lands

We pride ourselves in our unique coastal setting and are very welcoming of tourist to our town and region. We are not averse to development at all, in fact we welcome it because it generates interest in our region as well as revenue and helps to maintain employment.

We are only in favour of 'Eco Friendly' development that is not only sustainable but also acceptable to the Anna Bay community, Worimi Indigenous Land Council, Port Stephens (LEP) and that mitigates any impact on the local Flora and Fauna. Under current legislation the area is zoned RU2 and while the zoning allows for 'tourist accommodation' that type of accommodation should be 'Eco Friendly'

The proposed Bay Resort-Anna Bay does not meet any of these concerns as a potential development and while the amended Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) addresses some of the issues the overall project is unsustainable and not conducive to an 'environment friendly' development

Anna Bay currently has a failed 'tourist resort' which sits on the main street into the town and in its derelict state there is no legislation that protects towns and communities from such disasters. We do not wish to see another development that could potentially have the same or similar consequences resulting in another blight on the Anna Bay landscape.

If, however, this development should be approved there should be a clause inserted into the Building Certificate whereby the developer guarantees this project will be completed in its entirety within an acceptable timeframe.