



NEW SOUTH WALES

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GREATER PROTECTION FOR NSW COASTLINE

More than 200 kilometres of the State's coastline will gain greater protection from unsuitable development following the gazettal of new coastal maps for NSW.

Planning Minister Frank Sartor said the maps, signed off by Natural Resources Minister Ian Macdonald, will help prevent high-rise developments from overshadowing NSW beaches and headlands.

"These new maps cover 13 council areas from Newcastle to Shellharbour, and extend the coastal protection zone from Victoria all the way to the Queensland border," Mr Sartor said.

"This allows coastal developments to be considered in a coordinated fashion, instead of ad-hoc planning by different councils, which could give rise to a mini-Gold Coast.

"In the past, ugly and poorly-designed buildings have been allowed to blight our spectacular coastline.

"The extension of the coastal zone provides for greater scrutiny of coastal developments, and reduces the chance of more eyesores.

"It also safeguards the coast's sensitive environment and protects public access to our beautiful beaches, which should belong to everyone."

Inside Sydney, the coastal zone extends about a block inland from the ocean.

Outside Sydney, the zone stretches a kilometre back from the shoreline, and includes foreshore public lands.

The gazettal of the maps also makes the Planning Minister the consent authority for some developments in "sensitive coastal locations" (about 100 metres from the sea), including:

- marinas
- heavy industries
- large tourist facilities
- buildings greater than 13 metres in height
- some residential subdivisions.