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NQCC defends Coastal Plan

North Queensland Conservation Council today joined with conservation groups and environmentally concerned individuals up and down the coast in defending the new Queensland Coastal Management Plan against its critics.

"It is a simple fact, understood by the people, that important, fragile parts of our coastline just have to be protected from the ravages of development associated with urban, commercial and industrial development" said Coordinator of NQCC Wendy Tubman.

'Many locals range from being disappointed to being devastated by the loss of that special value associated with 'unspoilt' Queensland beaches that is linked to developmental pressure. And people realize that heavy developments often not only have negative aesthetic impacts for beach-goers, but also cause irreparable damage to the marine life, reefs, estuaries and ecological processes that support and protect our quality of life.

'As climate change delivers rising seas and more intense cyclones, it is only sensible to ensure that the most vulnerable parts of our coast are protected from additional development pressures.

'The new coastal plan helps ensure that we maintain a sustainable balance between development and protection. Future generations will thank us for it''

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