

BASIC ASSESSMENT

PROPOSED REMOVAL OF SOUTHBROOM TIDAL POOL – SOUTHBROOM, HIBISCUS COAST LOCAL MUNICIPALITY



BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT FEBRUARY 2010

WHAT DOES THIS DOCUMENT TELL YOU?

This document aims to provide you, as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP), with background information regarding the proposed long term remediation measures to address the degraded state of the Southbroom Tidal Pool at Southbroom main beach as well as the required environmental studies to be undertaken. It further indicates how you can become involved in the project, receive information, or raise issues which may concern and/or interest you. The sharing of information forms the basis of the public participation process and offers you the opportunity to become actively involved in the project from the outset. Input from I&AP's ensures that all potential environmental issues are considered within the study.

WHAT DOES THE PROJECT ENTAIL?

Hibiscus Coast Local Municipality intends to conduct a basic assessment for the implementation of long term remediation measures to address the degraded and inappropriately placed tidal pool at Southbroom main beach.

DAEA&RD has confirmed that there are three alternatives or options regarding the future of the tidal pool:

1. Demolish and then rehabilitate;
2. Decommission without demolishing, but rather filling the pool with sand, or
3. Repairing and reinstating the pool.

Aesthetics, health, safety and functionality are assessed for both rehabilitation and demolition of the tidal pool.

WHY IS THE PROJECT NEEDED?

The Southbroom Tidal Pool was built in the early 1950's as a public amenity. Over the years it has become damaged as a result of wave and wind action as well as the flawed nature of its original design. Added to this is the view that the tidal pool is in an inappropriate position in the most dynamic area of the coastal zone. The hazard posed by the undermining of the Southbroom Tidal Pool has been an issue for over 5 years and was previously voted for demolition at AGM. Funding has recently become available so options have been presented as to whether repairs or demolition are the preferred choice by the Interested and Affected Parties.

PROJECT LOCATION

The proposed activities will be taking place at the Southbroom Tidal Pool at Southbroom main beach. It can be accessed by taking the R61 southbound and exiting at Southbroom Avenue. Follow Southbroom Avenue for approximately 1.5Km until it becomes Imbezana Drive. Imbezana Drive leads down to the main beach after approximately 1Km. Immediately east of the carpark off Imbezana Drive is the Southbroom Tidal Pool.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROCESS

In terms of Government Notice R386 of the National Environmental Management Act (No 107 of 1998), the following listed activities are applicable: Activity 2, which relates to construction or earth moving activities in the sea or within 100 metres inland of the highwater mark of the sea, which requires a Basic Assessment (BA) process.

Hibiscus Coast Local Municipality has appointed SSI Environmental, as an independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP), to undertake environmental studies to identify and assess all potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed project. As part of these environmental studies, all I&AP's involvement will be actively sought through a public participation process.

WHAT ARE THE POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROPOSED PROJECT?

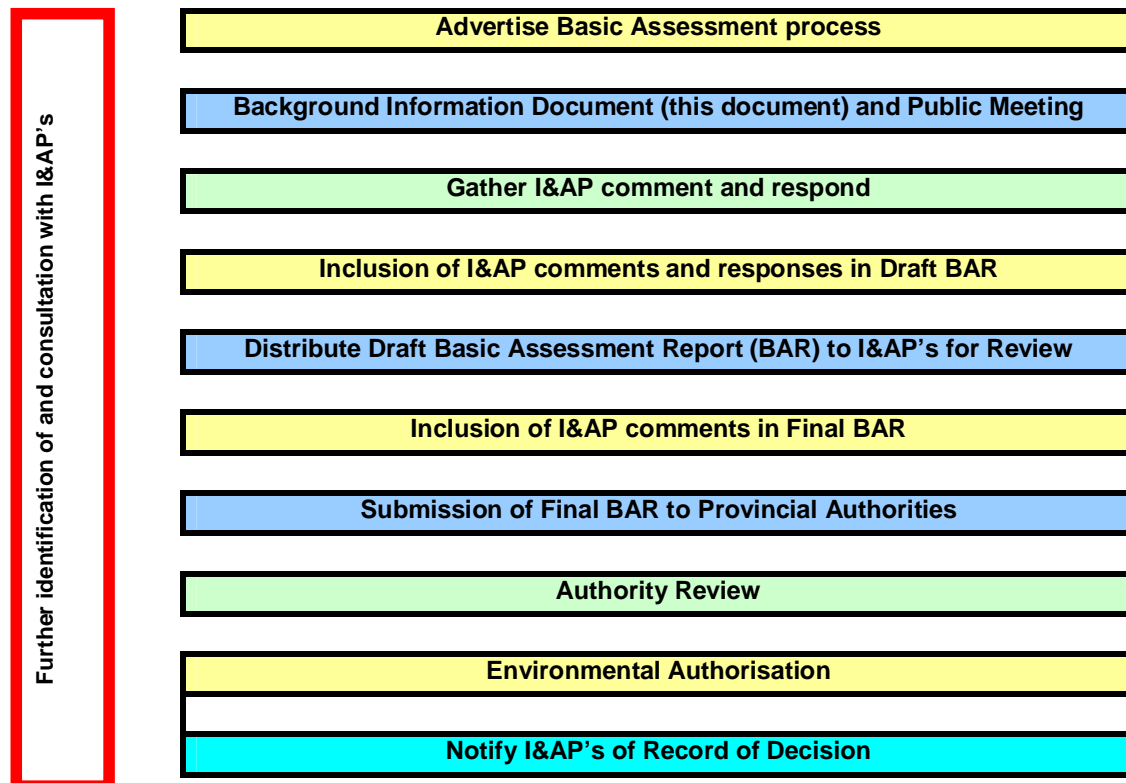
Potential environmental impacts associated with the project will be assessed through the Basic Assessment Report (BAR) and the following specialist studies:

Specialist Study	Organisation
Coastal Management study by Dr Louis Celliers	SSI Environmental (Coastal management unit)
Social Impact Assessment by Mohammed Yuniad Yusuf	Emjay Consulting

In the Basic Assessment (BA) process, the specialist reports combined with the completed site visit will be utilised to identify potential issues that require further investigation within the BA phase. Contributions from the public through the public participation process provide valuable input into the identification of issues requiring investigation and mitigation within this BA process. The BA will highlight areas that should be avoided in order to minimise potential impacts, and evaluate (recommended) alternatives.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

It is important that relevant I&AP's are identified and involved in the public participation process from the outset of the project. To ensure effective public participation, the process includes the following steps:



The draft Basic Assessment Report (BAR) will in due course be made available for public comment for a period of 14 days and I&AP's will be notified of the availability of the report. Following the public

comment period, the draft BAR will be finalised and submitted to DAEA for review along with all comments received from I&AP's during this period.

HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

1. By responding (by phone, fax or e-mail) to our invitation for your involvement in the process;
2. By completing the attached comment form and e-mailing, posting or faxing it to SSI Environmental;
3. By attending any meetings that will be held during the course of the project. Should you register as an I&AP you will be invited to attend these meetings;
4. In writing contacting or telephoning consultants if you have a query, comment or require further project information; and
5. By reviewing and commenting on the BA Report within the allowed 14-day review period.

If you consider yourself an I&AP for this proposed project, we urge you to make use of the opportunities created by the public participation process to become involved and provide comment, or raise those issues and concerns which affect and/or interest you, or about which you would like more information. Your input into this process forms a key part of the environmental studies and we would like to hear from you to obtain your views on the proposed project.

By completing and submitting the accompanying response form, you automatically register yourself as an I&AP for this project, and ensure that your comments, concerns or queries raised regarding the project will be noted.



Figure 1: Location of Proposed Site

BASIC ASSESSMENT: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

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(DAEA Ref No: To be supplied)

COMMENT FORM

February 2009

YOUR COMMENTS AND QUERIES ARE WELCOME

Please complete this Comment Form in full before 18 March 2010, and return to:

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What comments / concerns would you like to raise regarding this proposed project? (Please use additional pages, if required)

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PLEASE REGISTER THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) ON THE PROJECT DATABASE:

Name:		Organisation:	
Contact details:			
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IF YOU WOULD NOT LIKE TO RECEIVE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THIS PROPOSED PROJECT AND WOULD PREFER TO BE REMOVED FROM THE PROJECT DATABASE, PLEASE TICK THE BOX BELOW AND RETURN THE FORM TO THE CONSULTANTS WHO'S CONTACT DETAILS ARE PROVIDED ABOVE.

YES, Please remove me from the project database	SIGNATURE:
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