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The Director of Fisheries  
NSW Agriculture & Fisheries  
Bloomfield Office  
PMB 21,  
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Dear Sir,

**Re:Discussion Paper:Managing harvesting activities in  
intertidal habitats**

This letter is to give my comments on this discussion paper recently produced by the NSW Agriculture & Fisheries Department and also to nominate a site to be protected.

In the first instance, the site I would like to nominate is Gordons Bay. I have had several letters with the Minister regarding this proposal and I attach a copy of my letter of the 18th June 1990 and I am also enclosing a copy of an article from the Eastern Herald which summarises our representations to the Minister.

I also enclose a copy of Minutes from the meeting of Randwick Council on the 28th May 1991. I fully support Alderman Bastic's request of Randwick Council and the motion was passed unchanged that the Department of Agriculture & Fisheries declare Gordons Bay, Lurline Bay and Malabar Bay foreshore protected areas under State conservation laws.

A copy of this proposal is also enclosed.

As far as the discussion paper is concerned, I would like to firstly congratulate the Department on producing this paper.

I see the major problem as one of policing the activities of the over zealous harvester and given the already overstretched resources of the Fisheries Department and Fisheries Inspectors that no real plan of management will ever be effective unless it can be policed.

Given Randwick Council's support for at least the areas under their control, I am sure that beach inspectors would be happy to police these laws providing that they know there are laws in existence and know exactly what these laws are. I have certainly had this view expressed to me by several beach inspectors in casual conversations.

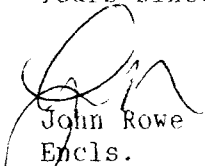
An additional problem is that of storm water runoff which in the bay that I am proposing is apparent both at the western and northern end of the bays. This

obviously poses a threat to the foreshores but obviously the cost of diverting this is extremely difficult.

Another problem that I would like addressed, is that of the use of chlorine to kill algal growth on the step access and bay access both in Gordons Bay and Thompsons Bay. The use of chlorine generally tends to kill everything in the area including the molluscs that keep the algae under control. Council, of course, has a major problem in public liability as far as people slipping on algae and needs therefore to protect the public from slippery paths but, at the same time, not decimating the invertebrates in the immediate area. I unfortunately do not have a solution to this problem.

May I congratulate the Department on its initiative in having this discussion paper made public. I am also assured by my local member, Mr Ernie Page for Coogee, that he fully supports legislation to protect the foreshores.

Yours sincerely,



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Copy: Mr Ernie Page