

From BirdLife Shoalhaven



Subject **Lake Wollumboola and the Shoalhaven LEP**

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To office@hazzard.minister.nsw.gov.au

Bcc Frances Bray

Dear Minister,

Along with thirty members of Birdlife Shoalhaven (the local branch of Birdlife Australia) I recently visited Lake Wollumboola and was blown away by the sheer numbers and diversity of birds on and around the lake. I was particularly impressed by the work done by the NPWS and local volunteers in trying to preserve the Little Tern colony. I have been made aware that there is a zoning issue concerning the lake, and would urge you to have the Lake Wollumboola catchment zoned for environment conservation. I fear for the future of the lake and its bird life if any part of the catchment is zoned for urban development under the final Shoalhaven LEP.

The lake is a Wetland of National Importance and an Important Bird Area that I understand is being considered for Ramsar status, but if the catchment is not protected then any protections for the lake itself are useless.

As the secretary of BirdLife Shoalhaven, representing over 150 BirdLife Australia members resident in the Shoalhaven LGA, I would like to recommend that the lake catchment be zoned E 1 National Park / Nature Reserve in the Shoalhaven Local Environment Plan.

I have heard that the Shoalhaven City Council would like to see a golf course development at Long Bow Point in the Lake Wollumboola catchment area. I am a golfer myself, being a member at the St Georges Basin Country Club in Sanctuary Point, and have no objection to golf course developments where appropriate, but I sincerely believe that locating a golf course in the Lake Wollumboola catchment would be totally inappropriate.

Ideally, we would like the catchment to become part of a national park to provide even greater protection, but in the interim BirdLife Shoalhaven requests that you do not agree to defer zoning for the protection of the lake and its catchment.

Regards,

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