

Tuggerawong Shared Pathway Stage 5



Engagement Summary

Between 20 May 2025 and 18 June 2025, Central Coast Council sought community feedback on the concept plans for Stage 5 of the Tuggerawong Foreshore Shared Path project. Stage 1-4 has already been constructed.

To support the development of the shared pathway concept plan, Council invited community participation through multiple channels:

- **View the Concept Design:**

Available online for public review on the Your Voice Our Coast website.

- **Read the FAQs:**

Provided to address common questions and clarify project details.

- **Attend an Onsite Information Session:**

Held at Wyongah Progress Hall on 3 June 2025 from 3:00pm to 7:30pm, allowing residents to speak directly with Council staff.

Council's community engagement aimed to ensure that the final design reflects community priorities and achieves the right balance between safety, amenity and access.

Council received strong community support, particularly for Stage 5 'Option A', with 87% of stakeholders preferring the scenic foreshore route.

How you connected



Your Voice Our Coast
1,907 views



The strategy/plan/document was downloaded **707** times



Facebook May 20 –
7,573 reach, **76** interactions
Facebook June 2 –
3,854 reach, **13** interactions



Instagram May 20 –
1,903 reach, **63** interactions
Instagram June 2 –
1,565 reach, **26** interactions



More than **14,658** social media users reached generating **178** likes, comments, and shares.



An on-site information session was held at Wyongah Progress Hall on Tuesday 3 June 2025 from 3pm to 7:30pm

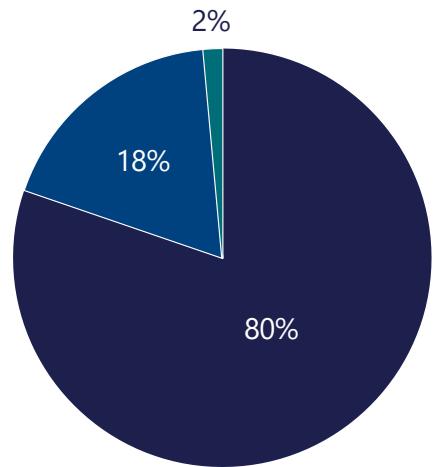


A total of **270** submissions received

Engagement Results

Do you support the Stage 5 route of the Tuggerawong Shared Path?

- Yes - 80%
- No - 18%
- Unsure - 2%



Common themes based on survey results

Strong support for Foreshore Route (Option A)

Reasons for this included the foreshore route, citing its scenic beauty, and alignment with the existing pathway and safer separation from traffic.

Community benefits and usage

The pathway is widely appreciated for promoting health, recreation, and social connection. It is used by families, children, seniors, and people with disabilities.

Infrastructure and maintenance suggestions

Respondents highlighted the need for supporting infrastructure, such as public toilets, seating, and lighting.

Environmental concerns

A significant number of comments raised concerns about the potential environmental impact of the boardwalk around Rocky Point (birds, seagrass fauna, and flora).

Opposition and privacy concerns

Some residents, especially those around Rocky Point, opposed the pathway due to privacy concerns, noise and visual impact.

Quotes

"I definitely do support the Stage 5 pathway. It's been a long time coming and will be beneficial for our community, my family and kids. Much more safer than having to ride or walk on busy roads."

"Will be a great tourism destination for the Central Coast and local residents to enjoy."

Council response

Theme	Council response
Strong support for the pathway Many respondents provided strong support for the foreshore route citing its scenic beauty, alignment with existing pathway and safer separation from traffic.	Council acknowledges overwhelming community support for the Foreshore route, however the amount of proposed boardwalk and extent of foreshore seawall revetment has been reduced to minimise environmental impact in line with community feedback and technical recommendations. The extent of the above water boardwalk proposed around Rocky Point has also been reduced to ensure the public maintains existing access to launch watercraft.
Community benefits and usage Many respondents appreciated the pathway for promoting health, recreation, and social connection, and highlighted that it must be accessible for all members of the community including families, children, seniors, and people with disabilities.	The pathway will include accessibility features for mobility scooters, prams, and wheelchairs. All infrastructure projects delivered by Council are undertaken in accordance with universal design standards to ensure our services are accessible for all members of the community.
Infrastructure and maintenance suggestions Requests for public toilets, seating, and lighting	When designing the pathway, Council will take into consideration some infrastructure amenities. Measures under consideration are: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Seating and viewing platforms at key locations.• Public toilets are available at key locations along the route.• Pathway lighting was previously assessed but is not feasible at this stage.

<p>Environmental impact</p> <p>Concerns about effects on wildlife, vegetation, and aquatic habitats, including a petition.</p>	<p>Council has engaged an external environmental consultant to prepare the Review of Environmental Factors. This will include desktop reviews of relevant legislation and research, night/day field surveys to assess migratory birds, land based and aquatic flora/fauna, amphibians, and habitat and to obtain ultrasonic and remote camera observations as well as identification and mapping of plant/ecological communities and key aquatic habitats.</p> <p>Tree removal will be minimised where possible. Replanting of trees proposed at a replacement ratio of two trees planted for every tree removed.</p>
<p>Foreshore Erosion</p> <p>Respondents highlighted existing foreshore erosion and the need to consider this in constructing the pathway.</p>	<p>Geotechnical consultants have been engaged. Design options include rock armouring and natural treatments to stabilise and restore foreshore areas.</p>
<p>Foreshore Drainage</p> <p>Respondents highlighted low lying and boggy nature of the foreshore and the need to drainage and ongoing maintenance in the design of the project.</p>	<p>Improved drainage solutions and elevated boardwalks are included in the design to address these concerns.</p>
<p>Opposition and privacy concerns</p> <p>Some respondents raised concerns regarding privacy, noise, and visual impacts particularly around Rocky Point.</p>	<p>Design adjustments and vegetation planting to enhance privacy where appropriate without impacting existing amenity and views will be considered during the detailed design.</p>

What's next?

- Continue geotechnical and environmental investigations.
- The final concept design will be uploaded to the Your Voice Our Coast website.

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