

# Improving Beach Access at Budgewoi Beach, Weemala Street

## Engagement Summary

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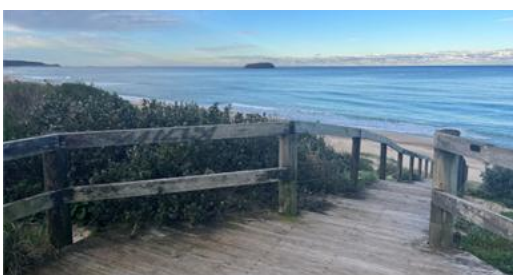
Council is planning to improve beach access at Weemala Street, Budgewoi. Existing beach access has deteriorated over time and needs to be replaced. Council is proposing to remove the failing structure and is considering replacing it with new stairs and a viewing platform that provides safer access while protecting the surrounding environmentally sensitive dune area.

Between 23 March and 27 April 2026, we invited locals and visitors to review the four proposed design options and share their preference, so the final design reflects community needs and can be enjoyed now and into the future.

The community could share their feedback by completing the online survey or writing to Council by email or post.

## Engagement Results

- **We heard mainly from locals who use the beach access often.** Of 148 responses, 93% were local residents and 60% visited weekly or daily.
- Most respondents want a long-lasting built structure, with 80% supporting built stair options. **Fibre reinforced polymer frame and tread** was the **most popular choice** (48%), followed by timber frame and fibre reinforced polymer tread (32%).
- **Easy and safe access matters**, especially for older people, people with disability and families. There is strong support for stairs and solid surfaces. While 60% would still access the beach with a natural walkway, 40% would not.
- The viewing platform is a valued local spot, and **88%** said they would use **seating** if introduced.
- While some respondents prefer more natural options, feedback points to the need to **balance dune protection with keeping safe and reliable beach access**.



## How you connected



A total of **148** survey responses and **1** email submission



Your Voice Our Coast  
**731** views



Facebook – **17,906** people were reached, generating **92** reactions



Instagram – **1,510** people were reached, generating **54** reactions



Targeted stakeholder email  
- Delivered to **1,825**



eNews - Delivered to  
**21,866**



Coast Connect print –  
Readership of **60,000+**



Media Release - Delivered  
to **115**

## Who we heard from

We received 148 online survey responses and heard from a range of community members. The respondent profile indicates strong engagement from the local community most directly affected by any changes to the beach access, with frequent users well-represented in the feedback. A majority of respondents were from **Budgewoi** (51%, n=74), followed by Buff Point (15%, n=22) and Halekulani (8%, n=12). In terms of respondent's connection to Budgewoi Beach, the vast majority identified as **local residents** (93%, n=136), while a notable proportion also indicated they **own a property** on the Central Coast (22%, n=33). Smaller numbers identified as visitors to the area (7%, n=11) or local business owners (3%, n=5) (Figure 1).

We heard from **regular users** of the Weemala Street beach access, with the largest group using the access weekly (40%, n=58), followed by daily users (20%, n=29) and monthly users (18%, n=27). A further 15% (n=22) use the access every 2–3 months, while only a small proportion visit 1–2 times a year (5%, n=8) or have never used the access (1%, n=2) (Figure 2).

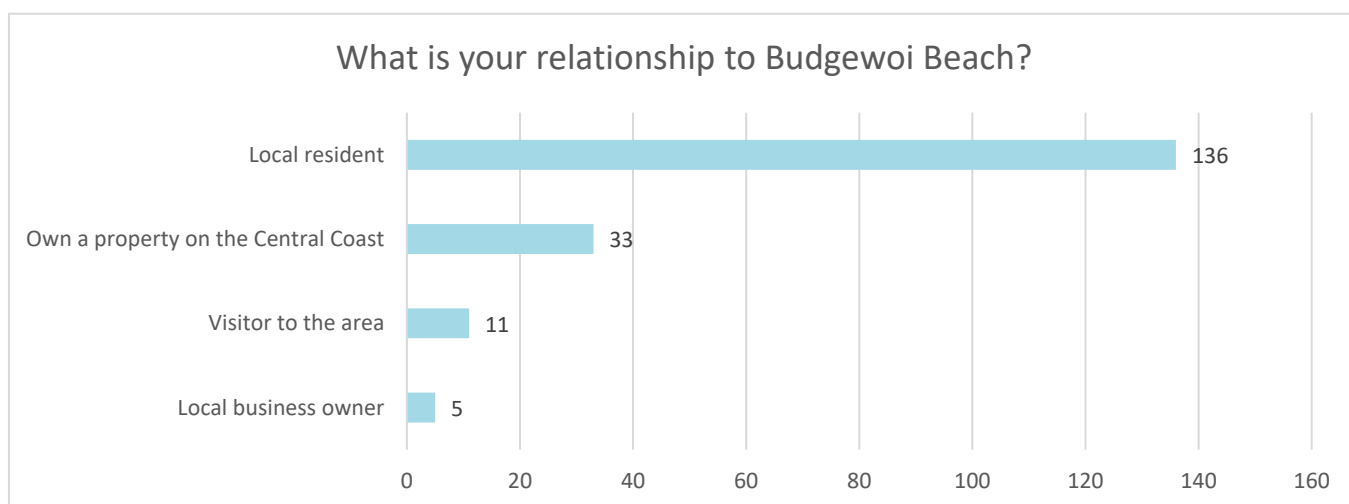


Figure 1: Respondent's connection to Budgewoi Beach, Online survey on Your Voice Our Coast, 23 March to 27 April, 147 responses. \*Note: Selection of multiple options allowed

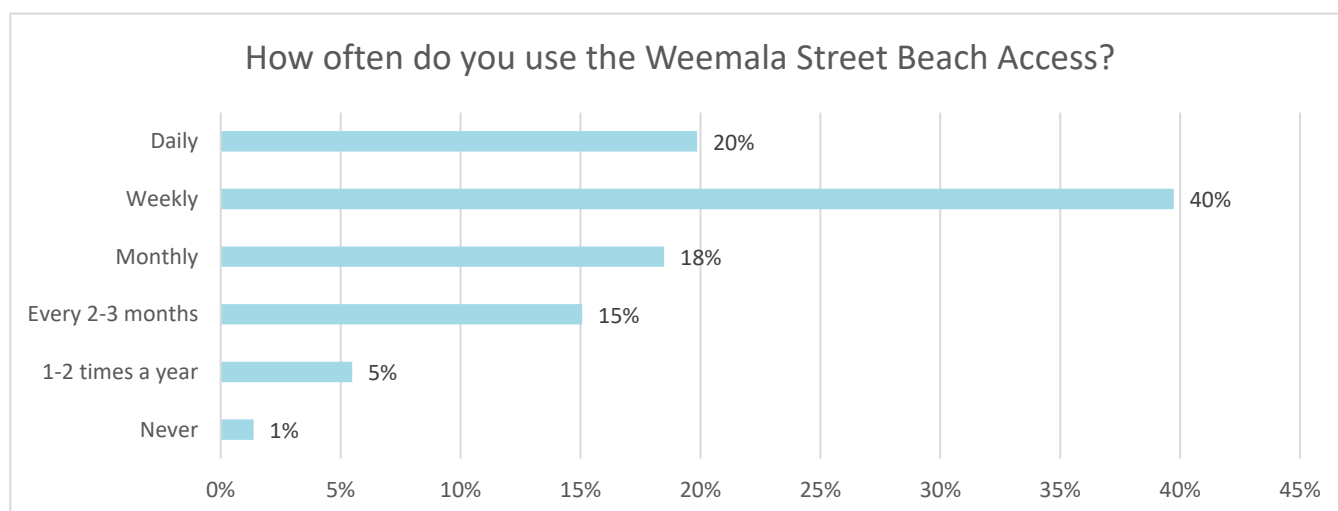


Figure 2: How often respondents access Budgewoi Beach, Online survey on Your Voice Our Coast, 23 March to 27 April, 146 responses.

## Design preferences

Respondents were presented with four design options for access to Budgewoi Beach:



Fibre reinforced  
polymer frame and  
tread

Timber frame and  
fibre reinforced  
polymer tread

Natural walkway

Restore to natural  
dune environment

When asked about their preferred option for beach access, the **most popular choice was fibre reinforced polymer frame and tread** (48%, n=71), **followed by timber frame and fibre reinforced polymer tread** (32%, n=47). A smaller proportion of respondents preferred a natural walkway (17%, n=25), while very few supported removing stairs entirely and restoring the area to a natural dune environment (3%, n=5). This indicates strong community support for retaining a built structure, with 80% of respondents (n=118) favouring one of the two constructed stair options (Figure 3).

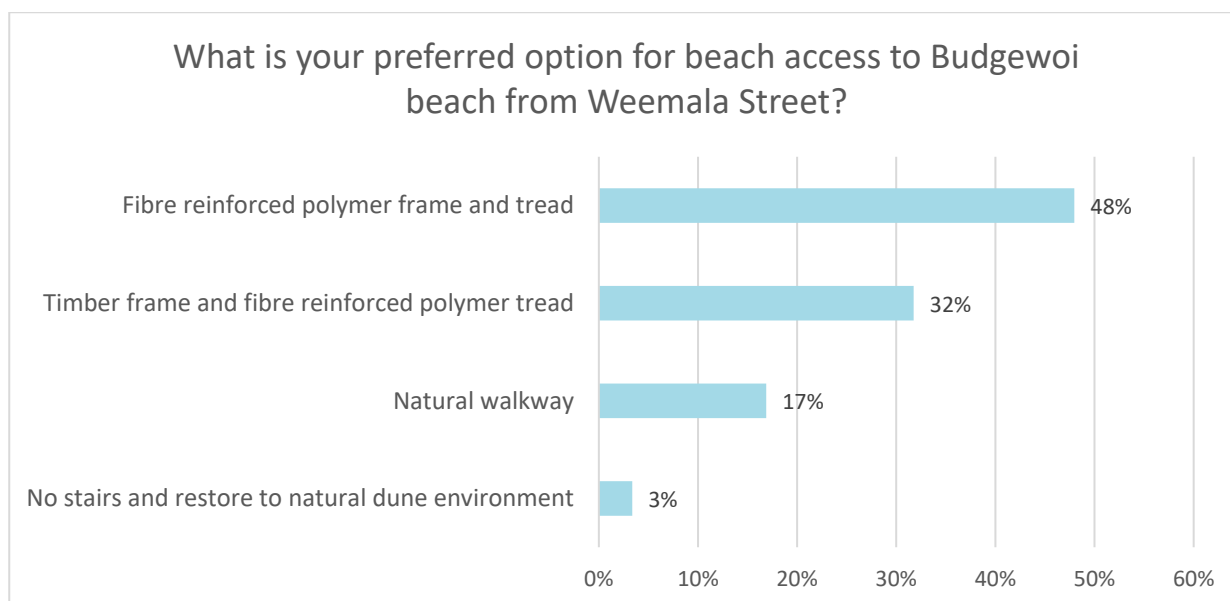


Figure 3: Respondent's preferred design option, Online survey on Your Voice Our Coast, 23 March to 27 April, 148 responses.

While **most respondents would still access the beach from Weemala Street if the stairs were removed** (60%, n=89), a significant proportion of respondents would not (40%, n=59) (Figure 4). There was also overwhelming **support for seating at the viewing platform**, with 88% (n=129) indicating they would use a seat, compared to just 12% (n=18) who said they would not (Figure 5). These results suggest that while the community has some flexibility around access type, there is strong demand for retaining the viewing platform and adding seating.

Would you still access the beach from Weemala street if the stairs were removed and replaced with a natural walkway?

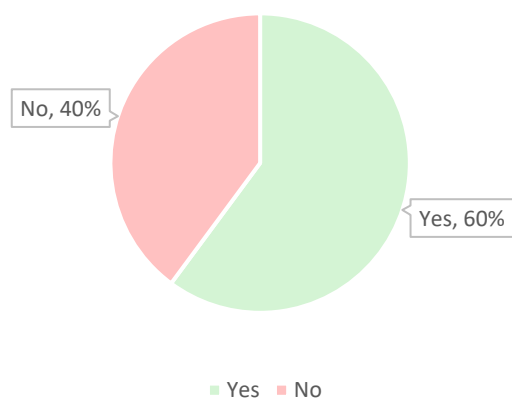


Figure 4: Respondents who would use a natural walkway, Online survey on Your Voice Our Coast, 23 March to 27 April, 148 responses.

Would you use a seat at the viewing platform?

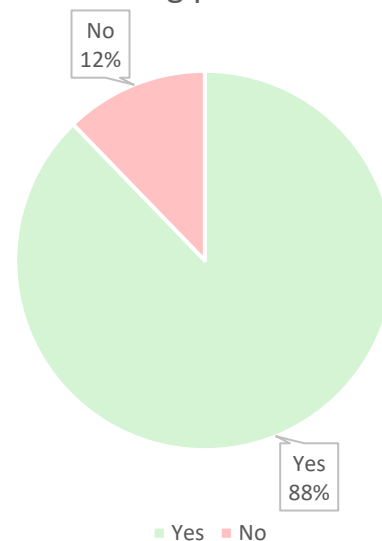


Figure 5: Desire for added seating on platform, Online survey on Your Voice Our Coast, 23 March to 27 April, 147 responses.

## Key themes

Respondents could also share their feedback through open-ended comments. Key themes from the feedback are outlined below, with example comments. All verbatim comments can be found in appendix A.



### Importance of retaining beach access

Retaining beach access at Weemala Street was the most frequently raised theme, with respondents emphasising that the access point is essential for both residents and visitors. Many noted they use the walkway daily or weekly and expressed concern that removing access would mean they have to travel much further to alternative entry points.

*"Access to the beach from Weemala Ave should definitely be retained. It provides a beautiful walk-through coastal topography."*

*"This access is vital to the community and must be kept in whichever form is most popular, but the access needs to remain open."*

*"It is an essential access point to the beach, not just for residents but also visitors to the van park, rescue and other considerations."*



### Accessibility for elderly people, people with disabilities and families

Accessibility was a significant concern, particularly for elderly residents and people with disabilities. Respondents highlighted that walking on soft sand without support rails is challenging, and that stairs and solid structures are essential for those with mobility issues. Natural walkways were seen as particularly difficult for elderly people, those with disabilities, and families with prams or strollers.

*"It is too difficult for me, an elderly man with weak muscles and bad back to walk on sand walkway or worse still to walk even further to the beach access on the other street."*

*"I think it needs to be accessible for all people and ensure elderly and families as well as people with disabilities can still access this."*

*"It's much easier to access the beach on a hard surface, taking prams or trolleys"*



### **Environmental protection and natural solutions**

Some respondents expressed a preference for natural solutions, such as the natural walkway or dune, that minimise environmental impact. Concerns were raised about protecting the dune ecosystem and preventing erosion, with recognition of the restoration work undertaken by Budgewoi Dune Care. Several respondents felt that natural walkways offer the lowest environmental impact and cost.

*"A natural walkway would be okay, but a natural dune would sustain longevity to the environment"*

*"More natural and less maintenance is the way to go for environmental sustainability"*

*"I prefer to leave the stairs as they are, maybe fix a few spots, which they always have been fixed. We can communicate when we see some problems to get it fixed. If there won't be too much of a human touch, the natural environment won't be destroyed. Any extra work will affect the animals and natural environment (all fauna and flora) - all natural habitats and definitely some will be killed. The less impact the better. There is no needs to change anything there."*



### **Cost-effectiveness and repairs over replacement**

Some respondents questioned whether full replacement of the walkway is necessary, suggesting that repairs to the existing structure may be more cost-effective. Some noted that the current structure has lasted approximately 30 years with minimal maintenance and felt that replacement could be a waste of ratepayer money.

*"Maybe should consider repairs to existing if cost is an issue."*

*"Repair the current walkway, far cost effective than current costing for new walkway. Timeline for current walkway, 10-15 years is fine. The proposal is a gross waste of rate payers' money and a complete destruction of the good work currently undertaken by Budgewoi Dune Care. Still standing, repair it!"*

*"The existing frame is still suitable as is, only the tread needs repair or replacement."*



### **Long-term durability and quality**

Respondents who favoured the fibre reinforced polymer (FRP) option emphasised the importance of investing in a durable, long-lasting solution. Many felt it was better to invest upfront in a quality structure that requires minimal ongoing maintenance.

*"While construction will cost more no doubt, I firmly believe the best option is the timber frame and fibre reinforced polymer tread. After construction it will remove all impact from foot traffic on the dune, while at the same time being solid and accessible for all, now and in the future, as well as being modifiable should major natural erosion occur... The best investment for the long term. Measure twice, cut once."*

*"Currently in a bad and dangerous way. Option 1 is for long term and requires no maintenance afterwards."*

*"The existing design is great but obviously time has taken a toll on the wooden construction. While going natural will be cheaper, the boardwalk trail and the bridge at the beginning of the beach access will become submerged in heavy rain events for potentially weeks. The synthetic polymer construction option will retain the existing benefits of the facility during flooding rain periods and surpass timber for durability."*



### Community value and place attachment

Respondents expressed strong emotional connections to the beach access, valuing it as part of their lifestyle, wellbeing and identity as local residents. The walkway and viewing platform hold personal memories for residents and is seen as a special local feature and a place for mental reset.

*"I love that spot and use it weekly for a mental reset"*

*"This is one of my favourite local spots to see and access the beach. It would be a shame to lose this access point, as it is easier to manoeuvre through compared to a natural walkway, and enjoyable to navigate through the trees."*

*"The view platform is one of favourite places to stand and take in the view, my late friend and I use to stand there just chatting and watch the fishermen or out to sea... whenever I stand there it reminds me of him..."*

## Council's response

Due to the volume and variety of content contained within community feedback, not every issue or theme can be included and responded to in the following table, however all feedback has been read and will be considered by the project team.

| Theme                                                                                 | Theme summary                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Council's response                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| <b>Design preferences</b>                                                             | Fibre reinforced polymer frame and tread was the most popular choice (48%), followed by timber frame and fibre reinforced polymer tread (32%).<br><br>88% of respondents would use a seat at the viewing platform. | Council acknowledges the design preference responses, which will be considered as part of the decision-making process to determine which option progresses to detailed design.                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Importance of retaining beach access</b>                                           | Respondents strongly value retaining the Weemala Street beach access. It is seen as a well-used, convenient and essential entry point for both residents and visitors.                                             | Council acknowledges the importance of retaining the beach access. Council will progress the beach access to detailed design and work to secure funding for construction.                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Accessibility for elderly people, people with disabilities and families needed</b> | Many respondents emphasised the need for safe, firm and supported access to ensure the beach remains accessible for elderly people, people with disabilities and families with prams.                              | Council acknowledges the community desire for safe, firm and supported beach access that is suitable for elderly people, people with disabilities and families with prams. Due to the steep grade of the existing sand dune, the existing stair sections will be replaced as part of the beach access. A ramp that meets disability access |

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|                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                            | standards is not feasible due to cost and impacts to the environment.                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Environmental protection and natural solutions</b>  | Some respondents preferred low-impact, natural solutions that protect dune ecosystems, minimise erosion and support long-term environmental sustainability.                | Council acknowledges the preference for low-impact, natural solutions that protect dune ecosystems, minimise erosion and support long-term environmental sustainability. These will be considered during the detailed design process. |
| <b>Cost-effectiveness and repairs over replacement</b> | Several respondents questioned the need for full replacement, suggesting targeted repairs to the existing structure could be a more cost-effective use of ratepayer funds. | Council believes the risk to public safety of the degrading stairs and the increasing cost of ongoing repairs justifies the decision to replace the existing stairs.                                                                  |
| <b>Long-term durability and quality</b>                | Respondents supporting more durable materials highlighted the importance of investing in a durable, low-maintenance and long-term solution.                                | Council acknowledges the preference for durable materials that are low maintenance and provide a long-term solution. These will be considered during the detailed design process.                                                     |

## What's next?

Council will progress the beach access concept designs to detailed design, informed by community feedback. Work will then focus on securing funding to deliver the project, followed by obtaining the required planning approvals before construction can begin. As this project progresses, any relevant updates will be available on Your Voice Our Coast.

Find out more and stay up to date at

**[www.yourvoiceourcoast.com/improving-beach-access-budgewoi-weemala-street](http://www.yourvoiceourcoast.com/improving-beach-access-budgewoi-weemala-street)**

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## Appendix A – Verbatim comments

This appendix contains verbatim comments provided during consultation through the online survey and email submissions. It is included to ensure full transparency of community feedback. All comments have been de-identified to protect respondent privacy.

| Online survey                                       |                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| What is your relationship to Budgewoi Beach?        | What is your preferred option for beach access to Budgewoi beach from Weemala Street? | Please provide any further comments                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Local resident                                      | Fibre reinforced polymer frame and tread                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Local resident                                      | Fibre reinforced polymer frame and tread                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Local resident                                      | Timber frame and fibre reinforced polymer tread                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Own a property on the Central Coast; Local resident | Timber frame and fibre reinforced polymer tread                                       | Maybe should consider repairs to existing if cost is an issue. Should definitely maintain the access somehow as removing it will result in people making their own pathways through the fine system.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Local resident                                      | Fibre reinforced polymer frame and tread                                              | Safe option to access                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Local resident; Own a property on the Central Coast | Timber frame and fibre reinforced polymer tread                                       | Whilst we would try to use a natural walkway we are concerned the steepness of a natural walkway from the beach may make it very difficult to walk on.<br>Council should also consider if a combination of methods provides a good solution. ie FRP stairs and natural walkway. Access to the beach from Weemala Ave should definitely be retained. It provides a beautiful walk through coastal topography and allows you to do circuit walk along beach and back though next beach access. The Weemala Ave access should not be returned to Dunes.<br>If cost is an issue, repairing existing walkway should be investigated<br>Thank you |
| Local resident                                      | Fibre reinforced polymer frame and tread                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Local resident                                      | Fibre reinforced polymer frame and tread                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

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| Local resident                                         | Timber frame and fibre reinforced polymer tread   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Local resident;<br>Own a property on the Central Coast | Natural walkway                                   | I prefer to leave the stairs as they are, maybe fix a few spots, which they always have been fixed. We can communicate when we see some problems to get it fixed.<br>If there won't be too much of a human touch, the natural environment won't be destroyed. Any extra work will affect the animals and natural environment (all fauna and flora) - all natural habitats and definitely some will be killed. The less impact the better. There is no need to change anything there. It looks beautiful and good. There are many more places and things to be fixed. Thank you so much. REDACTED |
| Local resident                                         | Timber frame and fibre reinforced polymer tread   | Please keep the stairs with timber frame at Weemala Street as it is so handy for me to get to the beach from where I live. It is too difficult for me, an elderly man with weak muscles and bad back to walk on sand walkway or worse still to walk even further to the beach access on the other street. Timber blends in so well with the bush and wildlife. Please keep the timber stairs at Weemala St. Thank you.                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Visitor to the area                                    | Fibre reinforced polymer frame and tread          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Local resident                                         | No stairs and restore to natural dune environment |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Visitor to the area                                    | Timber frame and fibre reinforced polymer tread   | my parents are elderly and live here and the stairs really help them. please do not get rid of the stairs thank you                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Local resident                                         | Timber frame and fibre reinforced polymer tread   | Reinstate as per the existing. It has lasted 30 years with little maintenance.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Visitor to the area                                    | Timber frame and fibre reinforced polymer tread   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Local resident                                         | Fibre reinforced polymer frame and tread          | The Seat at the viewing platform on a new fibre reinforced polymer walkway I would use very often. The wetland walk from ocean beach leading to weelana would be perfect to have a new stair and seat platform at the end as a place to enjoy, relax and appreciate the beautiful area after the walk.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Local resident                                         | Timber frame and fibre reinforced polymer tread   | I use the walkway multiple times a week. The other access's are always busy. It would be a real loss if access was no longer available.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Local resident                                         | Fibre reinforced polymer frame and tread          | Need easy access that services less able bodied or elderly.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Local resident                                         | Timber frame and fibre reinforced polymer tread   | To support the environmental protection of the area, more prominent signage about dogs is needed. If the access remains or is improved, there should also be better signage                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

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|                                                                              |                                                 | around rips and not swimming at unpatrolled beaches as visitors use the stairs for easy access.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Local resident;<br>Local business owner; Own a property on the Central Coast | Natural walkway                                 | <p>The benefit of a timber or fibre-reinforced walkway for less-mobile users is negated if stairs are retained as the primary access.</p> <p>A natural walkway provides a more flexible and adaptable solution in an area affected by ongoing coastal erosion. It reduces long-term maintenance requirements and allows for modification over time as conditions shift.</p> <p>It would be better to remove the stairs and provide upgraded, level access at Ocean Beach instead as it's car park makes it the more likely destination for people with differing mobility preferences.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Local resident;<br>Own a property on the Central Coast                       | Natural walkway                                 | <p>As a regular beachcomber / garbage collector of Budgewoi to Tea Tree Beach a stretch of 5km</p> <p>Replacing the boardwalk over the wetland &amp; up to viewing platform then natural sand down the dune would be great. There's a blind man called REDACTED who uses this walkway. He counts the stairs up to platform &amp; loves listening to the ocean &amp; a chat.</p> <p>Additionally improving access for locals &amp; visitors from 4 points of the globe.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Local resident;<br>Own a property on the Central Coast                       | Timber frame and fibre reinforced polymer tread | <p>I will still access the beach without stairs but it will be more difficult for me. Being an elderly person walking through soft sand without support of rails is challenging for me.</p> <p>I really do hope that Council will retain the beach access on Weemala St. Otherwise it will be far for local residents, who cannot drive, to have to walk to the next access. Being able to access the beach on nearby Weemala St has been so helpful for our daily exercise and is an incentive for us to get out of the house to enjoy the fresh air and feel healthier physically and mentally. Stairs with wooden rails will be ideal as the wooden rails will blend in better with the bush land and the beautiful natural habitat of our wildlife. Thank you.</p>                                                                                                                     |
| Local resident                                                               | Timber frame and fibre reinforced polymer tread | <p>The black polymer frame looks horrendously out of character for the local area. While I don't detest a natural walkway, my concerns are accessibility for the elderly and physically impaired, as well as with regular use and potentially increase volume of use in the future, this will result in amplified ongoing erosion of the dune ecosystem overtime.</p> <p>While construction will cost more no doubt, I firmly believe the best option is the timber frame and fibre reinforced polymer tread. After construction it will remove all impact from foot traffic on the dune, while at the same time being solid and accessible for all, now and in the future, as well as being modifiable should major natural erosion occur.</p> <p>Constructing the stairs further down the dune on the beach side will also reduce the impact foot traffic has on the dune structure.</p> |

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|                                                        |                                                   | 2. Timber frame and fibre reinforced polymer tread<br>The best investment for the long term.<br>Measure twice, cut once.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Local resident                                         | Timber frame and fibre reinforced polymer tread   | We need access and minimise impact and esthetics to the area                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Local resident                                         | Timber frame and fibre reinforced polymer tread   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Local resident;<br>Own a property on the Central Coast | Natural walkway                                   | I much prefer the natural walkway like the ones at Uwa St and Ocean St. It has the least environmental impact, least cost, and is actually very easy to walk on. Please go with the natural walkway option.                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Local resident;<br>Own a property on the Central Coast | Timber frame and fibre reinforced polymer tread   | Supporting structure is sound and should support a new stairway.<br>Greater support however at the beach end of boardwalk to counter storm/high tide sand erosion.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Visitor to the area                                    | Timber frame and fibre reinforced polymer tread   | I work with REDACTED. When we are working at Weemala St we see a good number of residents using this walkway as we do too to look after the surrounding site.<br>Option one would be the most expensive and best option but if funds don't allow then option two next best. A third option to just replace the stairway boards should be considered depending on funding. I don't consider option four is in any way worthwhile. |
| Local resident;<br>Own a property on the Central Coast | No stairs and restore to natural dune environment | My only concern with my preferred option of removal is that people will still try and use it in the absence of a formal access which could have a greater impact on the dune. Some people think that the current access is ok. Maybe just replacing some damaged sections could be a consideration. I am also completing this form prior to doing a tv interview just to make sure I know what we are asking people.             |
| Local resident                                         | Timber frame and fibre reinforced polymer tread   | Repair the current walkway, far cost effective than current costing for new walkway. Time line for current walk way, 10-15 years is fine.the proposal is a Gross waste of Rate Payers money and a complete destruction of the good work currently under taken by REDACTED. Still standing, repair it!                                                                                                                            |
| Local resident;<br>Own a property on the Central Coast | Natural walkway                                   | I love the natural walkway & the viewing platform is awesome. Remember also this has a car park and is a dog beach. Very important to many                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Local resident                                         | Fibre reinforced polymer frame and tread          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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| Local resident;<br>Own a<br>property on<br>the Central<br>Coast | Natural walkway                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Local resident                                                  | Natural walkway                                         | As a local resident, it is good to see something being done to improve the access. We often bring visitors to the beach and it is often a lottery knowing what state the path/steps will be in. My choice for renovation is based on what is better for the local environment realising that the sand walkway may make it more difficult for me [and others] to walk up the slope. Hoping that cleanliness of the sand walkway will be monitored due to the increased hazard risk of broken glass and dog faeces being left in the natural pathway. |
| Local resident                                                  | Fibre reinforced<br>polymer frame and<br>tread          | Used by visitors everyday and badly need an upgrade                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Local resident;<br>Visitor to the<br>area                       | No stairs and restore to<br>natural dune<br>environment | A natural walkway would be okay, but a natural dune would sustain longevity to the environment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Local resident;<br>Own a<br>property on<br>the Central<br>Coast | Fibre reinforced<br>polymer frame and<br>tread          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Local resident                                                  | Fibre reinforced<br>polymer frame and<br>tread          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Local resident                                                  | Fibre reinforced<br>polymer frame and<br>tread          | This has been an area of considerable restoration planting and maintenance by REDACTED and the public on National Tree days in recent years. Which ever option is chosen, extra care will be required during the removal of the existing structure and building of the new stair access. A repeat of the approach taken at the Budgewoi Beach southern car park must not be repeated, as this destroyed a considerable area of restored dunes, by not working within the already established access way corridor.                                   |
| Local resident                                                  | Timber frame and fibre<br>reinforced polymer<br>tread   | Repairing and replacing the existing stairs and supports using treated pine.<br>I don't think it necessary to have supporting structures installed 5m into the sand. As no timbers on the existing structures have failed. These were installed 26 years ago.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Own a<br>property on<br>the Central<br>Coast                    | Fibre reinforced<br>polymer frame and<br>tread          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Local resident                                                  | Natural walkway                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

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| Local resident                                           | Timber frame and fibre reinforced polymer tread |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Local resident;<br>Own a property on the Central Coast   | Fibre reinforced polymer frame and tread        | Budgewoi deserves the same treatment you give terrigal. If its skipped. I definitely know we wont be safe under this central coast council.                                                                                              |
| Local resident                                           | Fibre reinforced polymer frame and tread        | A sturdy walkway is important for people with mobility issues to be able to sit and look at the beach. This would be more inclusive.                                                                                                     |
| Local resident;<br>Own a property on the Central Coast   | Fibre reinforced polymer frame and tread        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Local resident                                           | Natural walkway                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Local resident;<br>Own a property on the Central Coast   | Fibre reinforced polymer frame and tread        | This is one of my favourite local spots to see and access the beach. It would be a shame to lose this access point, as it is easier to manoeuvre through compared to a natural walkway, and and enjoyable to navigate through the trees. |
| Local resident                                           | Fibre reinforced polymer frame and tread        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Local resident                                           | Fibre reinforced polymer frame and tread        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Local resident                                           | Timber frame and fibre reinforced polymer tread |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Local resident                                           | Natural walkway                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Local resident;<br>Own a property on the Central Coast   | Fibre reinforced polymer frame and tread        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Local resident                                           | Fibre reinforced polymer frame and tread        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Visitor to the area; Own a property on the Central Coast | Natural walkway                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Local resident                                           | Fibre reinforced polymer frame and tread        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

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| Local resident;<br>Local business<br>owner                      | Fibre reinforced<br>polymer frame and<br>tread          | I think the first option is best if the stair height is low enough<br>for a wheelchair, otherwise the last option, all or nothing!                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Local resident                                                  | Fibre reinforced<br>polymer frame and<br>tread          | Thankyou for restoring our beautiful area                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Local resident                                                  | Timber frame and fibre<br>reinforced polymer<br>tread   | Please keep the board walk between the beach access.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Local resident                                                  | Fibre reinforced<br>polymer frame and<br>tread          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Local resident                                                  | Fibre reinforced<br>polymer frame and<br>tread          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Local resident                                                  | Timber frame and fibre<br>reinforced polymer<br>tread   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Local resident                                                  | Fibre reinforced<br>polymer frame and<br>tread          | I have been going through that walkway for years it's the<br>prettiest way to get there and also being a mother too two<br>babies it is so much easier to get there with out the pram<br>being stuck in sand when walking their.                                                                                            |
| Local resident                                                  | Fibre reinforced<br>polymer frame and<br>tread          | I support a fully framed new structure, or complete removal<br>and rehab of the site.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Local resident                                                  | Fibre reinforced<br>polymer frame and<br>tread          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Local resident;<br>Own a<br>property on<br>the Central<br>Coast | Fibre reinforced<br>polymer frame and<br>tread          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Local resident;<br>Own a<br>property on<br>the Central<br>Coast | No stairs and restore to<br>natural dune<br>environment | I would prefer it to go back to its natural form. The<br>community who knows it is there will use it and make a<br>natural walkway anyway. The tourist who come from<br>budgewoi caravan park in the holidays will have to venture<br>further up the beach to a patrolled beach, making it safer for<br>the local community |
| Local resident                                                  | Fibre reinforced<br>polymer frame and<br>tread          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Local resident                                                  | Fibre reinforced<br>polymer frame and<br>tread          | Beautiful beach that needs to have easy access for all.<br>Residents and visitors.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Local resident;<br>Own a<br>property on                         | Fibre reinforced<br>polymer frame and<br>tread          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

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| the Central Coast                       |                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Local resident;<br>Local business owner | Fibre reinforced polymer frame and tread        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Local resident                          | Fibre reinforced polymer frame and tread        | A larger viewing deck                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Local resident                          | Fibre reinforced polymer frame and tread        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Local resident                          | Fibre reinforced polymer frame and tread        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Local resident                          | Natural walkway                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Local resident                          | Natural walkway                                 | We've had natural walkways for years at other beaches and no reason not to have this the same. It also reduces the costs for council and one less thing for vandals to destroy.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Local resident                          | Timber frame and fibre reinforced polymer tread | Although I can use all accesses to the beach I do meet people with disabilities who would be impacted by the 3rd and 4th proposals. I meet them when I do the boardwalk on a regular basis.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Local resident                          | Fibre reinforced polymer frame and tread        | The designs don't identify ends, length or direction. The polymer is tough on feet. Erosion will make it difficult to access platforms from beach side. How far up will the stairs start from beach. How far towards the road will stairs stop and what will continue to road. A similar design as exists but with a combination of footings to help all people access the beach. Fibre reinforced polymer frame and tread, rubber matting and natural |
| Local resident                          | Timber frame and fibre reinforced polymer tread |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Local resident                          | Timber frame and fibre reinforced polymer tread |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Local resident                          | Fibre reinforced polymer frame and tread        | Please keep access open with stairs                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Local resident                          | Fibre reinforced polymer frame and tread        | I think it needs to be accessible for all people and ensure elderly and families as well as people with disabilities can still access this.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Local resident                          | Fibre reinforced polymer frame and tread        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Local resident                          | Fibre reinforced polymer frame and tread        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

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| Local resident                                         | Fibre reinforced polymer frame and tread        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Local resident                                         | Fibre reinforced polymer frame and tread        | Fibre reinforced polymer frame and tread                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Local resident;<br>Own a property on the Central Coast | Fibre reinforced polymer frame and tread        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Local resident                                         | Timber frame and fibre reinforced polymer tread |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Local resident                                         | Fibre reinforced polymer frame and tread        | I use the seating area quite often and would love to see this stay                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Local resident                                         | Fibre reinforced polymer frame and tread        | I have always really liked that area and the long wooden walkway not sure what you call that thing, the view platform is one of favourite places to stand and take in the view, my late friend and I use to stand there just chatting and watch the fishermen or out to sea, he sadly decided to end his life and so when ever I stand on there it reminds me of him he was a good local lad died to young early 30,s his nickname was REDACTED so to myself I call that area REDACTED lookout .                                          |
| Local resident                                         | Fibre reinforced polymer frame and tread        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Local resident                                         | Fibre reinforced polymer frame and tread        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Local resident                                         | Timber frame and fibre reinforced polymer tread | I grew up near this access and remember the days when it was just a hot sandy beach access but I also use this access for my beach walks 2 - 3 times / week. When I am accessing this walk I come across all types of people across many age groups that use the convenience of this particular access, especially families with children and the elderly as it is easier for them to walk to the beach, sit at the lovely bench seat and look out at the ocean. As it is already there I feel like it should be replaced for the locals. |
| Local resident                                         | Timber frame and fibre reinforced polymer tread | Stairs are harder for people with mobility issues                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Local resident                                         | Timber frame and fibre reinforced polymer tread | This walkway is quite different to other beach accesses so should be preserved. It is an asset to the area.<br><br>I am concerned about adding plastic to the environment by using FRP. Are there any Australian Standards covering this?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

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|                                                          |                                                 | <p>If a natural walkway was installed this may be a significant cost saving but I think the walkway would be eroded by foot traffic, causing it to lower over time.</p> <p>You haven't said what the section covered by recycled conveyor belt will be replaced with.</p> |
| Local resident                                           | Timber frame and fibre reinforced polymer tread | It is an essential access point to the beach, not just for residents but also visitors to the van park, rescue and other considerations.                                                                                                                                  |
| Visitor to the area; Own a property on the Central Coast | Timber frame and fibre reinforced polymer tread |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Local resident                                           | Fibre reinforced polymer frame and tread        | Beautiful location for whale watching , sunrises . Do it right the 1st time.e and it will last our life time                                                                                                                                                              |
| Local resident                                           | Timber frame and fibre reinforced polymer tread | With small children and often plenty of beach things a natural walk way would make it harder for me to access. Stairs are essentials for all ages                                                                                                                         |
| Local resident                                           | Fibre reinforced polymer frame and tread        | Currently in a bad and dangerous way<br>Option 1 is for long term and requires no maintenance afterwards                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Local resident                                           | Fibre reinforced polymer frame and tread        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Local resident                                           | Fibre reinforced polymer frame and tread        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Local resident                                           | Fibre reinforced polymer frame and tread        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Local resident                                           | Timber frame and fibre reinforced polymer tread |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Local resident                                           | Natural walkway                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Local resident                                           | Timber frame and fibre reinforced polymer tread |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Local resident                                           | Fibre reinforced polymer frame and tread        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Local resident                                           | Natural walkway                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Local resident;<br>Local business owner                  | Timber frame and fibre reinforced polymer tread |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Local resident                                           | Fibre reinforced polymer frame and tread        | This is a popular beach access due to the stairs & walk through the restored dunes. It is unique in the area & also a draw card for tourists to the nearby caravan park. A more                                                                                           |

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|                                                        |                                                   | premium walkway would elevate the area & provide locals & visitors with a great asset for accessing the beach. I am sure provisions & funds could be made to work alongside the local REDACTED group to restore the environment post the works. I use this walkway daily & I love the feel walking through there & standing on the platform, it's truly a special place. Thank you for your consultation .                                                           |
| Local resident                                         | Natural walkway                                   | I only said no to the ploymer options as we tend to get brain dead kids that vandalise and will set them alight                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Local resident                                         | Timber frame and fibre reinforced polymer tread   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Local resident                                         | Natural walkway                                   | I grew up near this beach access point. I'd love to see it returned to its natural state.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Local resident                                         | Fibre reinforced polymer frame and tread          | This access is vital to the community and must be kept in whichever form is most popular but the access needs to remain open. Thanks.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Local resident                                         | Timber frame and fibre reinforced polymer tread   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Local resident                                         | Fibre reinforced polymer frame and tread          | This access is vital. It must be retained. Hope you find the budget to do a permanent fix with option A.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Local resident                                         | Timber frame and fibre reinforced polymer tread   | This is a long standing access point to the beach. It is used daily by a number of people to access this end of the beach and it is essential it remains. Residents of the northern end of the coast are constantly disadvantaged due to budget constraints, whereas budget is freely used on the expensive end of the coast ie southern end. We are sick of being shortchanged by central coast council and would hope our beach access is restored and maintained. |
| Visitor to the area                                    | Timber frame and fibre reinforced polymer tread   | I love that spot and use it weekly for a mental reset                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Local resident                                         | Natural walkway                                   | I feel like either way it would be fine<br>As long as there's multiple ways of walking in                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Local resident                                         | No stairs and restore to natural dune environment | Parking is always a problem here.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Local resident                                         | Fibre reinforced polymer frame and tread          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Local resident                                         | Natural walkway                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Local resident;<br>Own a property on the Central Coast | Fibre reinforced polymer frame and tread          | This is the only access with those who have limited mobility. While my partner was heavily pregnant, she used this access instead of ocean st due to her limited mobility. While hers temporary, it provides the only access for those with permanent mobility problems.<br>The viewing platform is a must also, we use the one on ocean                                                                                                                             |

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|                                                                          |                                                 | street and weemala daily!<br>Also, ocean street is natural walk way access. In the description it suggests it as an alternative access point for the natural walkway access option. That will leave no access points for those with mobility problems.                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Local resident                                                           | Fibre reinforced polymer frame and tread        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Local resident;<br>Own a property on the Central Coast                   | Fibre reinforced polymer frame and tread        | There is very minimal accessibility to the beaches around that area. Lakes, Soldiers, Budgewoi, they all have natural access limiting the public with disabilities and ultimately forcing them to more accessible beaches south, like the entrance, terrigal etc.<br>Let's up the ante of the northern end of the Coast. Yes environment is a factor, but its an area that is lush with flora and fauna, let's put in some infrastructure |
| Local resident                                                           | Timber frame and fibre reinforced polymer tread | The step treads are rotting and need replacing. You could do a natural walk way on the street side, once you clear the wetlands. however stairs are definitely needed on the ocean side. My wife and I visit regularly and love that end of the budgewoi beach where it joins into the national park. Please keep access of some sort.                                                                                                    |
| Local resident                                                           | Fibre reinforced polymer frame and tread        | A walkway made from soft plastics, provided by a company like REDACTED or REDACTED should also be considered. It also would require little maintenance and would last a very very long time                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Local resident                                                           | Natural walkway                                 | Rubber matting on the sand would suite most people as I use a walking aid .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Local resident                                                           | Fibre reinforced polymer frame and tread        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Local resident                                                           | Fibre reinforced polymer frame and tread        | Need to consider access for people with mobility limitations. May want to include solar lighting and improve safety and accessibility.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Visitor to the area; Own a property on the Central Coast; Local resident | Natural walkway                                 | More natural and less maintenance is the way to go for environmental sustainability                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Visitor to the area; Local resident                                      | Natural walkway                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Local resident                                                           | Fibre reinforced polymer frame and tread        | None if it can be built soon.<br>Long time missing                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Local resident                                                           | Timber frame and fibre reinforced polymer tread | Of the four options, number 2 is closest to my preference, but think that using wood for all materials is better than introducing any material containing plastic into the                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

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|                                                     |                                                 | environment. That is, timber frame and timber tread. Additionally, the existing frame is still suitable as is, only the tread needs repair or replacement.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Local resident                                      | Timber frame and fibre reinforced polymer tread | <p>Weemala Street beach access has been used by residents and visitors since the early 1970s after mineral sand mining ended. Originally a natural track ran slightly to the north of the existing track and was difficult to walk on especially in summer with the dark sand being unbearably hot to those with bare feet and/or thongs along with the steep grades both sides and walking on the beachside uphill is particularly difficult for most people. Replacing with a natural track would present these problems again.</p> <p>People enjoy using the viewing platform particularly in the months of whale migration as well as surfers and fishers surveying the surf, rips and fishing spots.</p> <p>Providing no access by restoring to natural dune environment would deny people of a pleasant exercise walk and beautiful view of the beach and surrounding area from the viewing platform. It would create an increased fire fighting risk by eliminating access for firefighters, also beach rescues north of the current walkway would be hindered.</p> <p>No access would increase parking traffic at the Ocean Street carpark beach access which is now overcrowded during summer weekends.</p> <p>No access would at least add an additional 1200 metres return walking via the boardwalk for fishers, surfers, caravan park users and the general public wishing to use the current area of beach available via the Weemala St access (1200 metres is say 2 x boardwalk trips and 2 x beach trips Ocean Street to Weemala Street beach accesses).</p> <p>So I am in favour of keeping either option stair access on both sides of the dune along with keeping the viewing platform.</p> |
| Visitor to the area                                 | Natural walkway                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Local resident; Own a property on the Central Coast | Timber frame and fibre reinforced polymer tread | Although we would still use a natural walkway it would be nice to have the stairs to have a option of different access. We go between weemala and ocean Street access. A seat at a viewing platform would be lovely to have a rest and also to take in the view.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Own a property on the Central Coast                 | Timber frame and fibre reinforced polymer tread | It needs formal structure.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

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| Local resident                                                               | Timber frame and fibre reinforced polymer tread |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Local resident;<br>Own a property on the Central Coast                       | Natural walkway                                 | It's fine as is                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Own a property on the Central Coast                                          | Fibre reinforced polymer frame and tread        | Providing a secure, sturdy and reinforced structure improves the beach and local area. It's much easier to access the beach on a hard surface, taking prams or trolleys, or going for a walk to the beach. The area needs to be improved and putting in a sturdy, modern structure improves the overall look, feel and value of the area. The northern beaches in Sydney have fantastic walkways using FRP materials along the waterways where so many families can ride bikes and go for walks. This type of thing should be implemented throughout the Budgewoi lake and bay area as it gives people something to do, a nice place to walk, nice views, improves the area, keeps people fit and happy. I suggest putting in a wide FRP walkway throughout the entire Budgewoi lake, including near Charmhaven, to Gorokan through to Toukley. Thank you for this opportunity to give feedback. |
| Local resident                                                               | Fibre reinforced polymer frame and tread        | The existing design is great but obviously time has taken a toll on the wooden construction. While going natural will be cheaper, the boardwalk trail and the bridge at the beginning of the beach access will become submerged in heavy rain events for potentially weeks. The synthetic polymer construction option will retain the existing benefits of the facility during flooding rain periods and surpass timber for durability.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Local resident;<br>Own a property on the Central Coast                       | Fibre reinforced polymer frame and tread        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|                                                                              | Natural walkway                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Local resident;<br>Local business owner; Own a property on the Central Coast | Fibre reinforced polymer frame and tread        | <p>This would be a great asset regardless of the decision. I would like to know the funding arrangements and if there is any grant sources to help support the decision.</p> <p>Also. The ongoing cost of keeping the 'natural' option would come with significant maintenance due to sand movement on the beach.</p> <p>Possible options would be replacing the main 'central' access point off ocean street to allow vehicle access and stairs and propose natural/low cost options for the other access</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

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| Local resident;<br>Own a<br>property on<br>the Central<br>Coast | Timber frame and fibre<br>reinforced polymer<br>tread |  |
| Local resident                                                  | Timber frame and fibre<br>reinforced polymer<br>tread |  |

## Email submission

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposal .

Can I please ask for ramp access to the lookout and beach? That would make such a wonderful thing for wheelchair and gopher users, and people with mobility issues.

I would love to have access to the beach and sand .

Thank you