

BEACH NOT BITUMEN

Stop the roads through Scarborough's sand dunes

Media Release

Greens join the fight for 'No Roads' in Scarborough Dunes

The Beach Not Bitumen action group is continuing its campaign against new roads at Scarborough Beach in the lead up to the March State Election, inviting all decision makers and potential decision makers to personally see the coastal dune systems that will be destroyed if the roads north and south of Scarborough Beach go ahead.

Greens spokesperson for sustainable planning the Hon Lynn MacLaren MLC is the most recent representative to visit the area in person, and she congratulated Beach Not Bitumen and associated groups on their determination to protect the area. "Without having firm development rules in place in vulnerable coastal areas, it is up to every community to defend and stop development on a case by case basis," Ms MacLaren said.

Greens candidates Judith Cullity and Alison Xenon also visited the site. Ms Cullity said she supported the transformation of Scarborough Beach Road into a vibrant hub of business and housing options with a light rail connection, but lamented that "Scarborough's precious, pristine Bush Forever dunes are again under threat for the third time from a destructive development proposal, this time from a proposal for a road and car parking."

The on-site meeting follows successful and supportive meetings with Labor candidates and the Shadow Minister for the Environment Chris Tallentire MLA.

On-site meeting requests to the Hon Albert Jacob MLA, Minister for Environment have been declined, and referred to the MRA. The Hon. Liza Harvey MLA Deputy Premier has agreed to meet with Beach Not Bitumen but is unable to do so on-site. The Hon Donna Faragher MLA Minister for Planning has also been invited, but has yet to respond.

Beach Not Bitumen's sustainability spokesperson Anthony James said "We are urging all political parties to have a vision for Scarborough Beach that reflects 21st century planning in environmental protection and transport options. This should be a non-partisan issue as it affects all Western Australians as Scarborough is one of Perth's most iconic beaches."

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