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Premier of New South Wales  
Australia

- 7 JAN 1986

Dear Messrs Pool and Hunt,

I refer to your letter seeking support for the construction of an underwater nature trail in Thompsons Bay between Clovelly and Coogee.

I have sought the advice of the Minister for Public Works and the Minister for Natural Resources whose administrations are affected by your proposal. Both have advised that they have no objection in principle to the use of land below the high water mark in this manner.

I am also advised that you would be required to submit a formal application for development to the Department of Lands and the Public Works Department. This application should include a detailed map identifying the proposed route and all relevant details regarding the construction, operation and maintenance of the trail. Other Government agencies would also have an interest in such a proposal, and if a formal application for permissive occupancy is received, these agencies will be consulted prior to a final decision being reached on the matter.

Owing to the nature of the proposal, it will also be necessary for the proponents of the scheme to indemnify the Crown with respect to personal and property liability.

In the circumstances, I feel the most appropriate course of action would be for you to liaise direct with the Regional Manager, Metropolitan Lands Office, G.P.O. Box 39, Sydney 2001 and the Secretary (Attention: Principal Engineer, Coastal Branch) Public Works Department, G.P.O. Box 5280, Sydney 2001.

I trust the above information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'N. Wran', followed by the text 'for Premier.'

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