

AMENDMENTS TO

CAPE BYRON STATE CONSERVATION AREA
(CAPE BYRON HEADLAND RESERVE)

PLAN OF MANAGEMENT

(Provision of visitor facilities at The Pass)

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Background

The area called The Pass within Cape Byron Headland Reserve overlooks Clarkes Beach and is a visitor destination for surfing, swimming, walking, and picnicking. It is also a popular car park and meeting place for visitors and for commercial and recreational boating.

Located at The Pass is a building that has been used as a café and kiosk for more than 20 years and is commonly known as “The Pass Café”. The lease on the building expired in August 2009. Since then the café has remained vacant.

The Plan of Management for Cape Byron Headland Reserve, which was adopted in 2002, states that future uses of the café building for use as office accommodation, visitor information and a shop will be investigated. These proposals are no longer warranted, due to the relocation of the Cape Byron office to the nearby Arakwal Depot on Tallow Beach Road and the services provided by the Cape Byron Lighthouse shop.

Proposed amendments to the Plan of Management which considered a range of uses for the existing café building and other areas of The Pass were placed on public exhibition from 18th September until 21st December 2009. The submissions received were carefully considered before adopting these amendments which provide for the existing café building at The Pass to be used as a café and/or as a kiosk, or (subject to a heritage assessment) demolition of the current building and construction of a new café and/or kiosk on the same site.

Adopted Amendments

The following amendments to the 2002 Plan of Management were adopted by the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment on 18th June 2010.

1. Page 64 Section 3.06 Visitor facilities – Actions:

- Replace the 1st Action with: *“The existing café building at The Pass will be used as a café and/or as a kiosk, or the building may be demolished (subject to a heritage assessment) and a new café and/or kiosk constructed on the site.”*

2. Page 89 Section 3.18 Concessions, leasing and licensing

- Reword Existing Situation 3rd paragraph to state: *“The Pass Cafe operated under a lease that expired in August 2009. It is proposed to lease the building for use as a café and /or kiosk (refer Section 3.06)”*.

3. Page 104, Plan Implementation, 3.06 Visitor Facilities

- Amend action 3.06.01 as in 1. above to state: *“The existing café building at The Pass will be used as a café and/or as a kiosk, or the building may be demolished (subject to a heritage assessment) and a new café and/or kiosk constructed on the site.”*
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