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Ms Sue Holliday,
Assistant Director,
Department of Environment and Planning,
8th Floor, Remington Centre,
175 Liverpool Street,
Sydney. NSW 2000

Reference: Underwater Nature Trail Proposal

Dear Ms Holliday,

I refer to our discussion on 27th April, 1987 about the proposal jointly submitted by Pro-Diving Services Pty Ltd and Marist Brothers High School Pagewood to establish an underwater nature trail in Thompsons Bay (Gordons Bay) between Clovelly and Coogee.

We would be pleased to have our proposal integrated into the Eastern Beaches Regional Environmental Plan and to carry out the construction and maintenance of the nature trail on behalf of your Department, at no cost to the Government, as a community service project.

Thank you for your interest and support. It is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,



Denis Gregory Hunt
for the Proposers.

2.1.6 Gordons (or Thompsons) Bay

Gordons Bay is an attractive narrow inlet with dramatic sandstone cliffs and steep slopes with a narrow beach. Recreational use is limited by the very small size of the beach and associated open space. Consideration should be given to:

- extending the reserve at the head of the bay by acquiring part of the adjacent Commonwealth land, providing for public access to the beach from Beach Street through this land, and also to the historic house 'Cliffbrook' and its associated stables;
- upgrading the pedestrian entry point to the bay from the parking area on the Clovelly headland;
- limiting building heights within the backdrop area to two floors above natural ground level;
- continued planting with indigenous species, and screening the intrusive blocks of units surrounding the bay, and the tennis court at its head;
- extending pedestrian access at cliff top level around the southern side of the bay to link with Dunningham Reserve;
- providing for the continued use of the bay for small boats, including their storage at its head; and
- encouraging the continuation of snorkelling and scuba diving activities by designating an area as an underwater marine park.

2.1.7 Malabar (Long Bay)

Backed by a small park, Malabar Beach, at the head of Long Bay, is small but attractive. Long Bay itself is a long wide inlet, by far the largest and most sheltered along this stretch of coast. Recreational and visual improvements, (co-ordinated with the completion of the Malabar submarine sewer outfall extension), could be assisted by:

- retaining the 'wilderness' image of the northern shore of Long Bay by protecting its extensive cliffs, exposed rock faces and extensive heath vegetation;
- upgrading the area where fill has been placed in the north-east corner of Cromwell Park, containing the built plateau and planting it and the rock retaining wall with indigenous heath species, and re-vegetating eroded areas;