

RESIDENTS 'REFUTAL' COMMENTS - AMITY POINT SEMP

At a meeting of Amity Point shoreline property owners on 19 May 2014, it was agreed that Council would table a formal residents' '*refutal*' to the May 2013 Draft Amity Point SEMP report prepared for Council by a consultant.

The comments below do not reflect the views of Council and are not the endorsed position of Council.

They are published in good faith as part of the ongoing engagement with the Amity community on shoreline erosion issues and as the consensus views of a number of affected property owners at the meeting held on 19 May 2014.

Submitted by Amity Point shoreline property owners on 12 June 2014

Amity Rock Wall

This disclaimer is to be read in conjunction with the document Amity Point Shoreline Erosion Management Plan (SEMP) – Draft Report.

The Draft SEMP was prepared by the Consultants on the basis of a visit to Amity on the occasion of the partial rock wall collapse at Old School Park in 2011 and without consultation with any Amity waterfront residents or any recognition of their many years of experience

The last official study recognized by the report was completed in 1978 prior to the establishment of the current rock wall.

There is now much more recent information available but the Amity Point community was not given the opportunity to present this information prior to the public release of the draft report. For example, a recent study which involved daily observations at the northern end of the rock wall, linked to bathymetric mapping of the adjacent Rainbow Channel has provided new insight into the geomorphological mechanism of rapid erosion events.

Residents of the properties with frontage to the rock wall all report that they have not experienced any loss of land since the establishment of the wall.

On the basis of recent research and many years experience, the Amity Point community strongly refutes the suggestions made in the Report that:

- the existing wall is not successful
- the Redlands City Council have paid for maintenance of the wall
- the existing wall is perched on a beach
- the existing wall is unstable
- the existing wall is unsafe
- that there is reduced amenity because of the existing wall.
- that a replacement wall is necessary and the cost of such would be prohibitive.

The Amity Point residents believe:

- the existing wall should be recognized as an effective method of erosion control
- the policy recommended in any future SEMP should involve “protection of the foreshore”
- residents should have the right to maintain the rock wall at their own expense.