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On-site improvements planned for Tomaree Lodge

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(EOI) to provide further community input.

The NSW Government has stated a commitment to “ensure the site is retained for community use and public enjoyment” following an initial high-level public consultation and more recent community engagement activities.

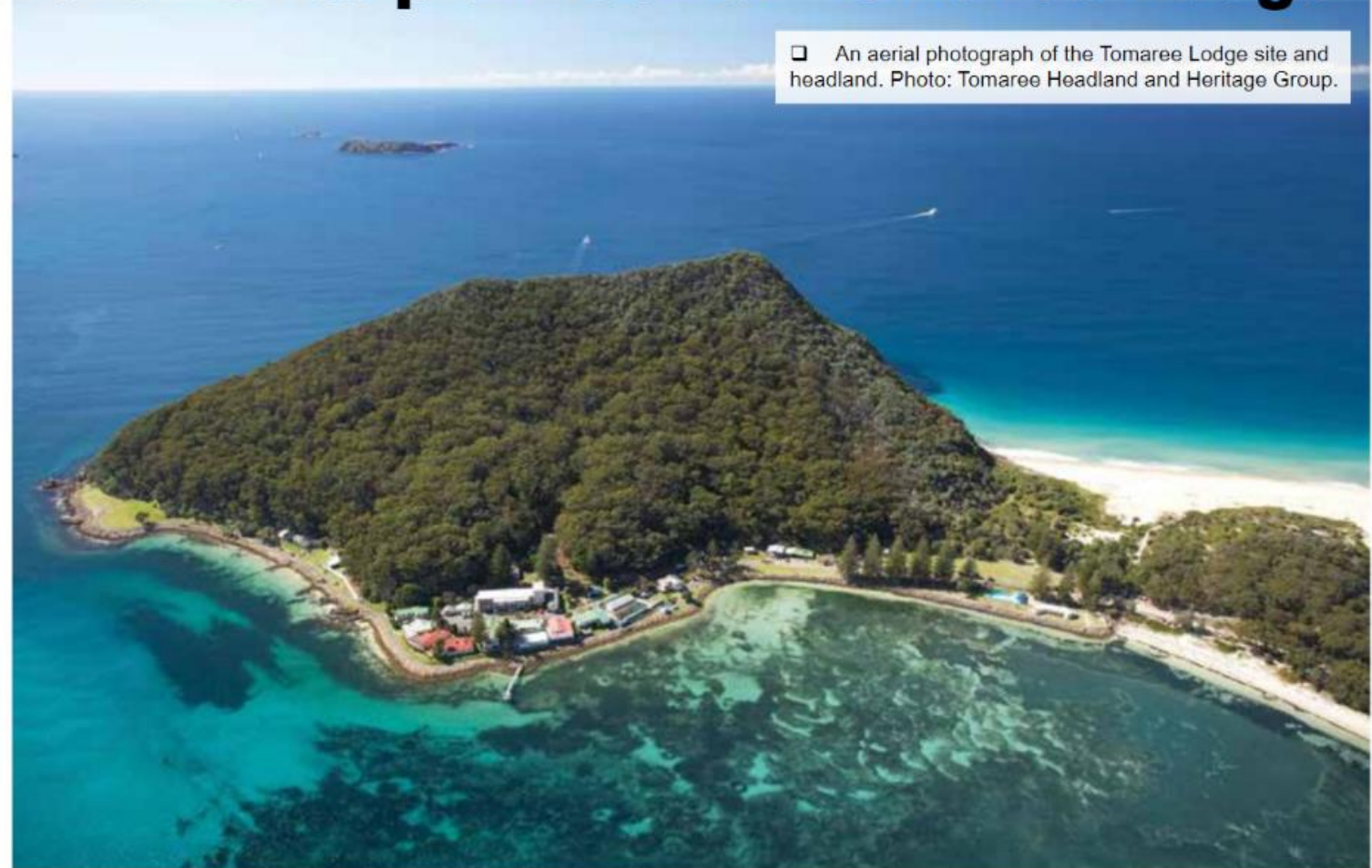
The improvements have been identified by the Department of Communities and Justice, following a recent site visit with stakeholders, including the Worimi Local Aboriginal Land Council, the Tomaree Headland Heritage Group, the University of Newcastle, Port Stephens Council and the National Parks and Wildlife Service.

New signage will be installed to improve wayfinding for people accessing the numerous walking trails, while amenity will be improved with the installation of two beach showers.

A vibrant new mural will be commissioned for the entrance of the site to welcome visitors.

Information will be provided on site too, including the history of this unique location.

Going forward, areas will be identified that could be used for key community events, and the potential to open up access to parking on site will be investigated.



□ An aerial photograph of the Tomaree Lodge site and headland. Photo: Tomaree Headland and Heritage Group.

Minister for Families and Communities and Minister for Disability Inclusion Kate Washington said, “This site is an incredible piece of Port Stephens, and I know how deeply the local community cares about its future.

“These immediate

improvements will mean that local families and visitors can enjoy better access to amenities when they visit the Tomaree Headland.

“We are committed to working with local stakeholders regarding the future use of this significant site, and we are ensuring that the

community is involved throughout the process by having members of the public join the new Community Engagement Committee.

“There are so many exciting opportunities ahead for the Tomaree Lodge site, and I’m looking forward to working with

our community to ensure we realise the full potential of this special site.

“By working together, we will ensure everyone continues to appreciate and enjoy this spectacular destination.”