



Back-pedal on Kirra sand

Govt fears beach's future if 200,000cu/m removed

HUGE storms earlier this year have made the Queensland Government re-assess how it will spend its \$1.5 million election commitment to "save" Kirra Beach.

Climate Change and Sustainability Minister Kate Jones said stage two of the rescue plan, to move 200,000 cubic metres of sand from the beachfront, would no longer go ahead, but all the money would still be spent on the beach.

"The beach is now at a stage that any

repeat of the May storms would risk a return of Kirra 10 years ago when the beach was very badly eroded and in need of replenishment," Ms Jones said.

"But the job's not done and we now want to explore long term-solutions to prevent any future saturation of sand at Kirra."

Kirra Point Inc. spokesman Andrew McKinnon said the group still wanted action on the beach within the next two months, before school holidays and the cyclone season. After meeting yester-

day, KPI reaffirmed its view that a dune system should be created.

"A two-metre dune system would create a beach buffer zone and help contour the beach to help get the point break back," Mr McKinnon said.

"Work definitely needs to start in November before the school holidays and before the cyclone season starts."

He said the government was now considering moving 50,000 cubic metres of sand instead of 200,000cu/m.



□ KIRRA Point Inc members met yesterday after the Queensland Government scrapped stage two of its election commitment to "save" Kirra Beach.

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