

# Hope fails for beach restoration

KIRRA Point lobbyists have lost trust in the State Government as promises to bring back the beach's famous point break are repeatedly stalled and manipulated.

Stage 2 of the \$1.5 million Kirra restoration works has been 'put on hold' for the government to assess the best way to proceed.

Climate Change and Sustainability Minister Kate Jones said sand removal during Stage 1 and erosion during storms in May had helped works, meaning Stage 2 needed to be 'reassessed'.

But Kirra Point spokesman Wayne Dean said the government should not be wasting its time with studies or assessments – work on a sand-dune system should begin at once.

"There is no need for this to be dragged out any longer – a dune system at the back of the beach should be created now, while the sand is there," he said.

"Another big hurdle in overcoming this problem is

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getting the two state governments to agree.

"The Tweed Sand Bypassing Project contract needs to be changed to allow for the sand-pumping to stop – it needs to be stopped at appropriate times to let Kirra get back to normal.

"We see the solution to this to be an easy one: the government just needs to listen.

"We are losing trust right now and just want the job done."

In Stage 1.2 million cubic metres of sand was moved from the beach, however the State Government has refused to reveal how much has been spent so far.

Ms Jones said the government was committed to creating a sand-dune system at the back of the beach.

Currumbin MP Jann Stuckey said the minister should know how much had been spent to date.

"If she doesn't then she darn well should," she said.