



Kirra lobbyists get to the Point
Second stage meeting called

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The State Government has to date refused to release details

of its plans for stage two of restoration of the iconic surfing break.

But local lobbyists fear stage one – which started last week – will chew up most of the \$1.5 million that has so far been allocated to the project.

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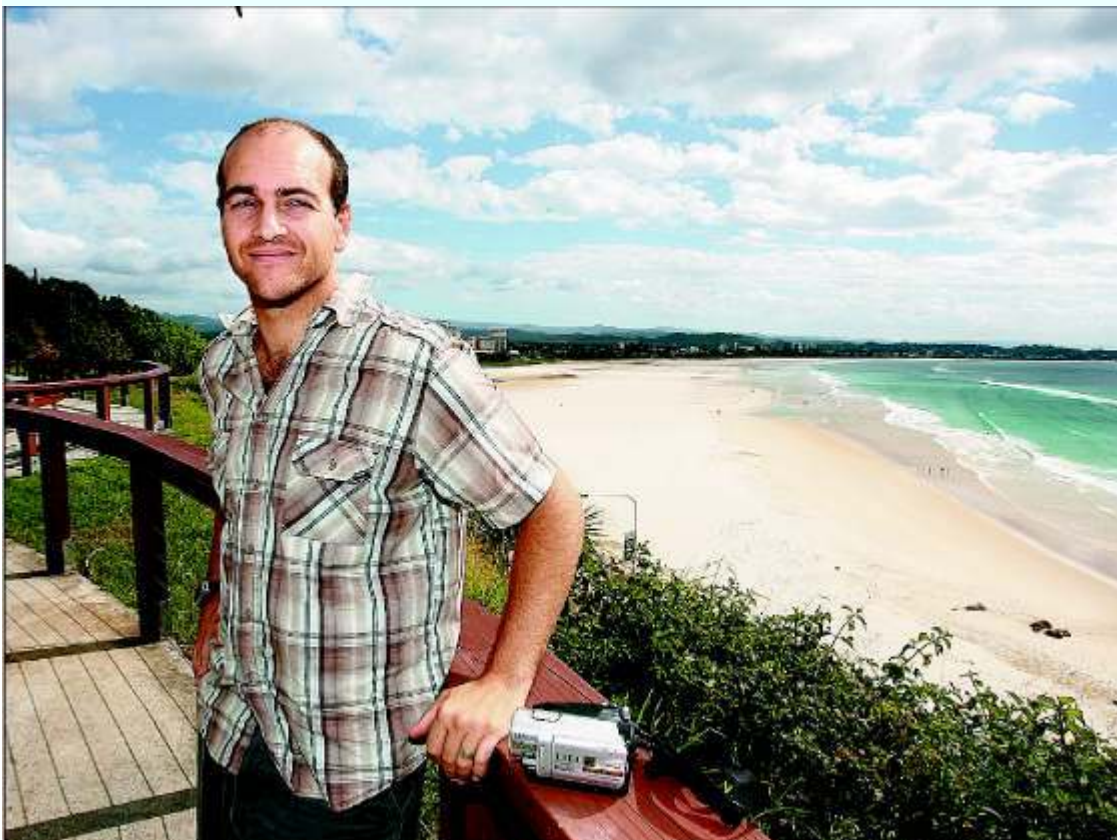
“The community is going to really need to pull through to see this project complete,” he said.

The first stage involves shifting 10,000 cubic metres of sand to fill the ponds on upper Kirra Beach and a further 10,000 to restore beach access at Palm Beach. This is expected to take four weeks.

Meantime, lobbyists are still investigating whether environmental clauses in the Tweed River sand pumping contracts have been breached.

Mr Lazarow said ‘really detailed questions’ had been submitted as part of an external review of the contracts.

– KATE HICKSON



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 ... Neil Lazarow is concerned there will not be much money left after the first stage of the Kirra Beach restoration project.