

No break as Kirra's reef is rejected

RESTORING the iconic Kirra waves by dredging the reef has been knocked back by Gold Coast City Council.

A community meeting was told re-contouring the sand on the beach would be the main focus during the restoration.

The reef at Kirra has vanished under a mountain of sand since the start of sand pumping at the Tweed River in 2001 and the quality of the world famous wave deteriorated dramatically.

Members of lobby group Kirra Point Incorporated were disappointed Council refused to consider dredging as an option during the meeting.

KPI spokesman Andrew McKinnon said the group put forward the suggestion of dredging the reef but it was 'knocked on the head' straight away.

"It disappointing it was dismissed due to whatever reason," he said.

A Council spokesman said a proposal to dredge the reef was considered but it 'presented challenges' with respect to budget, specialised equipment requirements and overall outcomes.

He said Council had not 'discounted' the idea but it was

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rejected because of lack of community interest during preliminary discussions.

However, Mr McKinnon said KPI and many other community members supported the dredging idea.

"We brought it up during the meeting because we think that would be a good option, but they knocked it on the head almost immediately," he said.

"We want to create a better dune system, which is what is being done, but one of our main priorities is to see the waves back.

"If dredging could help get the break back, then it should really be considered as an option."

He said Council presented three options to the community, all of which involved shifting sand to create dunes on the 'desert like' beach.

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