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Mr Trevor Seymour
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What about Dee Why?

I agree that the \$486,000 received by Warringah Council from the Federal Government could be spent on widening the footpath along The Strand at Dee Why Beach and it should not be swallowed up in "beuracracy" (MD 22.10.08 Dee Why should not be Stranded).

Something needs to be done in Dee Why to fix the mess that was created by the former Administrator and past Councils. On 14.10.08, I moved a Notice of Motion that Council consult the community with a view to extending the footpath or closing off The Strand Dee Why to provide greater recreational dining and community use. The Mayor deferred this issue for a briefing which has still not occurred.

In response to community concern about the Administrator's decision to call for Expressions of Interest to sell the community owned land next to St Kevin's Church in Dee Why, I moved a Notice of Motion on 11.11.08 that Council consult the community and look at maintaining the site for community use such as a cultural centre. Wake Up Warringah party's, Virginia Laugesen, a Manly Vale resident, moved an amendment to stop my efforts to save our land from being sold to developers. Her amendment was supported by Councillors Regan, Harris, Ray, Giltinan and Sutton. Councillors Jason Fallinski and Christina Kirsch voted for my motion in an effort to save this land.

The community needs to keep the Councillors they elected accountable on their election promises. I encourage the community to tell all Councillors what they want for the future of The Strand Dee Why and the ratepayer owned community land next to St Kevin's Church Dee Why.

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Warringah Councillor