



# Carmel Tebbutt MP

## Deputy Premier

Minister for Climate Change and the Environment | Minister for Commerce

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The NSW Free Beach Action Group  
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Dear Members of the NSW Free Beach Action Group

Thank you for your petition of 18 September 2008 requesting that Little Congwong Beach at La Perouse be gazetted as a legal free beach. I apologise for the delay in replying.

I am advised that the Department of Environment and Climate Change, including the National Parks and Wildlife Service, does not have the authority to gazette Little Congwong Beach as a clothing optional beach. Local governments are given this authority under the *Local Government Act 1993*, and beaches where clothes optional bathing is permitted must be specially designated under this Act or by notice of the local council.

Such a designation is within the portfolio responsibility of my colleague, the Hon Barbara Perry MP, Minister for Local Government. I understand the Minister has recently replied to your petition.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

**Carmel Tebbutt MP**  
**Deputy Premier**  
**Minister for Climate Change and the Environment**

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cc: The Hon Barbara Perry MP  
Minister for Local Government

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