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Dear Sir,

The Vincentia Ratepayers & Residents Association (VRRRA) is the community consultative body for Vincentia. The subject of having designated Safe Swim zones in Vincentia, was discussed at our general meeting on 20th February 2025.

There was overwhelming agreement by the meeting for the VRRRA to support submissions to Shoalhaven Council, and Jervis Bay Marine Park, that there was a need for safe swimming zones. Numerous people present spoke of dangerous situations they had experienced, or witnessed involving Jetskis at the locations of Blenheim Beach, Greenfields Beach, and left of Holden Street launch ramp - the southern end of Collingwood Beach.

Our meeting was informed of the suggestions made by Marine Parks/Fisheries to test the area extending from the southern end of Greenfields to the northern end of Blenheim beaches. (Both these beaches are in a sanctuary zone and are very popular with snorkelers and young families)

It was also contended that the small beach at the southern end of Collingwood Beach - left of Holden Street launch ramp, should be included because of its popularity with young families, and the regular use of visiting Jet Skis riders to launch from this site.

Note: The latter is recognised as a contentious site. A minimal correction would be the introduction of a transit corridor for jet skis, to separate families and powered vessels.

The VRRRA understands there is debate on whether the introduction of designated safe swimming zones are the jurisdiction of Council, or JB Marine Park. The matter becomes confused when numerous authorities are involved in Jervis Bay. The Council and NPWS are the authorities responsible for land-based activities, and Maritime is the complying authority for the Marine Park sanctuary zones.

We request a discussion take place promptly between the regulatory authorities involved in Jervis Bay Marine Park - Council, Maritime, Fisheries, and NPWS. It is important for authorities to determine the most suitable corrections to regulations, to safeguard swimmers, paddlers, snorkelers from motorised craft, specifically Jet Skis.

Thank you for your consideration



David Pursley  
Secretary  
**Vincentia Ratepayers and Residents Association**

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