



## Protecting New Livingstone Shire's Natural Beauty



The wonderful natural values in Livingstone Shire have been protected from environmental threats from inappropriate development by local community pressure (sand mining, ports at Port Clinton and Byfield urban sprawl and mega resorts.) The liveability and relatively untouched natural condition of the Shire from Broomsound to the Fitzroy Delta requires heightened community vigilance and action to guide decisions makers. Now is the time for the community to keep a keen eye on developments to ensure the new Livingstone Shire Council plans and approvals are ecologically sustainable. Here are some of the threats in our own 'front yard':



- ◆Coal exploration permits at Byfield
- ◆Coal Seam Gas exploration / test boreholes
- ◆Coastal residential & tourist proposals in environmentally sensitive areas
- ◆Inappropriate public use and abuse of environmentally sensitive areas
- ◆Rubbish dumping in creeks & littoral rainforest
- ◆Motorbike & quad bike use in dunes and beach
- ◆Barwell Creek contamination
- ◆Loss of



littoral rainforest / beach scrub

- ◆Major erosion & killing or damaging vegetation
- ◆Loss of shore bird nests
- ◆Fauna loss to quads e.g. blue soldier crabs
- ◆Mineral development (porphyry, copper, molybdenum, pyrite, lead, zinc, gold.)

CCC is seeking your positive ideas about protecting the environment and our lifestyle. Here's some thoughts from our recent coastal forum:

- Promote local organic food production
- 4WDs need a designated area not on beaches
- Capricorn Trust ethos for the community
- Tree lined streetscapes/rural road canopies
- Fix up Fig Tree Creek boat anchorage
- Remove hulks, build boardwalk, revegetate
- Development focus on protect Shires natural assets
- "Love Livingstone, don't Dump it" campaign

- No subdividing farmland for housing
- Identify areas that should not be developed
- Raise awareness of natural values being lost
- Maintain rural road tree canopies
- No boat ramp at Fishermen's Beach
- Concern about collapsing fish stocks
- Reduce Waste/Marine debris
- Plan environmentally friendly recreational areas
- Environmental appreciation esp., youth, schools

**Natural Resources and Mines** maps of coal, mineral, petroleum (CSG, oil shales) exploration in our neighbourhood is alarming: <http://mines.industry.qld.gov.au/geoscience/interactive-resource-tenure-maps.htm>  
Source of both images: <https://webqis.dme.qld.gov.au/webqis/webqamin/viewer.htm>



Mineral exploration Woodbury/Corio



Coal Exploration Byfield



CSG Exploration Yaamba



Littoral Vine Scrub - Bangalee

**Iwasaki expansion proposed:** CCC has contacted Iwasaki consultants asking that the information about the proposed development presented to Rockhampton Regional Council be released to the public. We are yet to hear back. The project is in the concept stage and is likely to be submitted to the **Coordinator General** under the State Development and Public Works Act. If deemed to be a 'coordinated project' Livingstone Shire wouldn't have any say in the decision on the development application. This would be made by the Queensland Government. It is boasted that the wetlands will be protected and it is only covering 15% of the 9,000 hectare Iwasaki property for up to 15,000 residents and the creation of up to 10,000 jobs over 20 years. However, we are concerned for the second largest tract of **critically endangered Littoral Rainforest** (Beach scrub) in Central Queensland. This habitat behind the fore-dunes of Farnborough beach from Barwell Creek to Corio Bay will be heavily impacted by the development to make way for tourism & housing development. The area proposed for houses is one of the only remaining examples of parallel dunes with remnant native

vegetation in the region. The high ecological values and wildlife habitat requires protection & preservation.

<http://www.themorningbulletin.com.au/news/iwasaki-unveil-breathhtaking-plan-capricorn-coast/1891048/>

### Kinka Shores development

The project is currently before Rockhampton Regional Council as a Master Plan (to the best of our knowledge).

Information about the development available at <http://www.kinka.com.au/>

### Coastal Hazard Maps:

Both projects are examples of developments in areas mapped as vulnerable to future erosion and inundation from predicted sea level rise and increased storm surge: <http://www.ehp.qld.gov.au/coastal/management/maps/>

### Candidate Forum – Livingstone Shire elections

CCC is working together with Cap Coast Ratepayers Association, Cap Coast Business Alliance, Keppel And Fitzroy Delta Alliance & Australian Youth Climate Coalition to offer Livingstone Shire residents the chance to meet candidates prior to the **November 9** elections. CCC and other groups will be present on the night with information stalls. We encourage members to raise environmental concerns, questions and sustainable green ideas with council candidates in the meet and greet time.



For more details:

CCRRA's page provides links to candidates Facebook page if you are interested in finding out more about each candidate: Please distribute event flyer: [http://www.cccqld.org.au/docs/LSC\\_election2013.pdf](http://www.cccqld.org.au/docs/LSC_election2013.pdf)

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**THURSDAY 31 OCTOBER – YEPPOON TOWN HALL**

**5:00PM – 9:00PM**

**Food & beverages available for purchase from**

**'Another Green World'**

(5:00PM meet Candidates in foyer. 6:00PM Candidate presentations)

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