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Shoalhaven City Council
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Attention: Jodi Parnell

To whom it may concern

Re: Follow-up regarding illegal camping in coastal public car parks in the Manyana-Bendalong area

On behalf of the Red Head Villages Association Inc (RHVA) I wish to remind Council of the letter written by the RHVA on the 23/3/25(see attached) regarding the growing problem of illegal overnight camping in public car parks in the Manyana- Bendalong coastal communities. I am also forwarding our correspondence on this matter to our state MP, Liza Butler, in addition to the Ward 3 Councillors and Mayor.

I have had no response to date from Council regarding this matter. Over the recent Easter long weekend and school holidays this problem escalated significantly. During Easter it was the experience of local permanent residents that they had difficulty parking at beaches such as Washerwomans beach because most parking spots were taken by overnight campers. Locals and day trippers are effectively 'parked out' by illegal overnight campers during the morning periods. Efforts by locals to alert Council rangers has been totally ineffective.

The RHVA urges Council to provide a written response on what action will be taken to curb this growing problem. RHVA also requests a meeting with the relevant Council officer as soon as possible to discuss the issue and plan a collaborative response. RHVA will continue to advocate strongly on this matter including working with the local press media.

Yours sincerely

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President
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CC – Ms Liza Butler MP, Mayor Patricia White, Councilors Kemp, Boyd, Dunn and Johnston