



Stradbroke Island Beach Hotel

The owners of Stradbroke Island Beach Hotel at Point Lookout sought to expand and significantly upgrade the facility. The proposed development had been assessed and approved by Redland City Council, but the decision was appealed by a local environmental group. We appeared as expert witness on ecology matters in the subsequent Planning and Environment Court appeal (4859 of 2000).

Challenges and Solutions

The proposed re-development was to be wholly contained within the grounds of the existing facility, and while there was to be some vegetation loss, concerns centred on impacts to visual amenity. However the appellant also contended that the project's stormwater would cause an unacceptable impact on sensitive receiving environments (in particular Home Beach wetland and the adjoining Ramsar site).

Working closely with an expert stormwater engineer, we were able to demonstrate that the project site represented a very small component of the Home Beach wetland catchment (much of which was also comprised of urban development) and that the upgraded stormwater treatment train would in fact improve the quality of stormwater discharged from the site.

Outcome

The appeal was dismissed, and the project is now constructed.

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LOCATION

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