

Outline the natural and human impacts on XXX

Beach

I am an environmental consultant who was hired by XXX Shire Council who was grateful to take on this investigation of the research in the effectiveness of current coastal management at XXX Beach.

Natural and human impacts at XXX Beach were a huge affect, there was a variety of impacts which took place such as fences to keep the vegetation and beach separated the cafe for a coffee or a snack, the toilets and showers to wash off after the beach or use the bathroom. The flagpoles are used to know where to swim between and the car park is there to keep the vehicles altogether throughout your time at the beach. The recycle and garbage bins were there to keep unwanted waste instead of throwing away the rubbish all over the beach. There is also a surf club where you can get something to eat or drink, it's just like a restaurant. Natural impacts include erosion which removes rock particles or gets worn down, deposition is the depositing of sand and rock particles and transportation is the process caused by waves hitting the coast at an angle. Natural and human impacts on XXX Beach can affect the environment is grand ways.



Describe the coastal management strategies at XXX

Beach

These coastal management strategies can be suggested at many beaches altogether but XXX beach has some in particular. These strategies include speed bumps to prevent people from speeding which might cause accidents on the roads or with children that are walking around and without noticing them, running them over. Recycling bins scatted so that the beach is always a clean, reasonable and safe environment for everyone to enjoy. It will also be a good for the visitors to throw their unwanted rubbish in the bins and not leave it lying around the roads or dug into the sand. There is a car park to keep all the vehicles together in one area and as far away from the beach itself. The fences are there to block off the vegetation and separate it from the water so they are not damaged. Sometimes there is plants growing under the road but even though there is vegetation inside of the sand dunes they are most likely the ones that can be moving with the beach water. There are signs everywhere around the beach for all different purposes. Most of them were giving directions and informing people of the rules and regulations for the beach, such as 'no dogs allowed' or 'no parking'. These signs would usually be all over the beach, car park and surf club. There is also a road which leads straight to the sand dunes and down to the beach, it also leads straight down to the car park. Overall there were many coastal management strategies which were very successful.



Analyse the effectiveness of the current coastal management strategies at XXX Beach

There are more and less effective current coastal management strategies at XXX Beach. The car park, it is a convenient thing for visitors because they won't have to walk too far. Speed bumps, because they stop you from driving too fast and control your speed. Steps, which lead you to the beach, it helps because you don't walk into the steep sand and you have the wood which helps you stop if you feel you are going to fall. The footpath and walkway, they are good when walking to the surf club or to the bathroom faster. The clean roads keep the visitors and tourists, which also make them want to say longer. All these strategies are more effective. Signs which tell you where to go and what to do and bins that you put your unwanted waste into were less effective strategies. The environment has not benefited from the changes it has experienced as there has been significant sand loss on the dunes. However the fencing, the vegetation and the walkways have protected what remains on the beach.



Recommend improvements to current strategies or new strategies which could be implemented by individuals or groups to help manage the coastal environment at XXX Beach

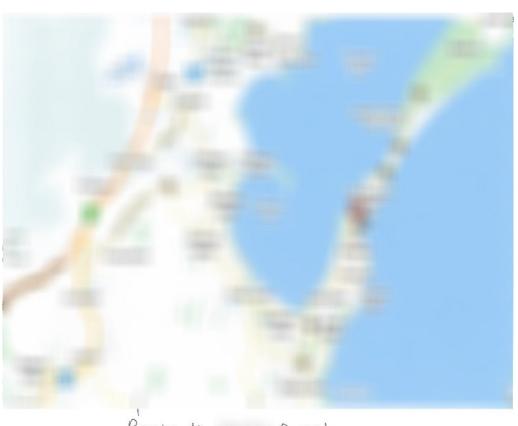
There are many improvements that could be made at XXX beach to help manage better the coastal environment one of the main ones are that there wasn't many bins around. It would have been more helpful for them to provide extra bins, because people would be too lazy to walk to the recycling bins so they just through their rubbish on the ground or dig it into the sand, which causes pollution. A shade area would be helpful and convenient when going to visit and spend the day the beach, the visitors would want a picnic table or a bench or sit back and relax under for many reasons such as staying skin safe. Improvements on the footpaths are needed, the board to walk up and down the dunes is a rocky footpath which someone can trip over and hurt themselves. It would have also been helpful for some visitors if there was a hand rail; the steps didn't do much as in help in keeping balance because the wooden steps were to deep in and uneven. The toilets need to be progressed on. They need locks and to be cleaned up slightly the toilets and showers themselves look very old and it will be more presentable if they renewed the block. Improvements on XXX Beach can always be made and I suggest they take on fixing it. It will bring many more tourists.

As an environmental Consultant I think that XXX Beach has some good human and natural impacts but in some areas need to be fixed up which won't be too much of a problem.



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