



Regional Context

- The Shoalhaven is approximately 2 hours drive from Sydney and 2.5 hours from Canberra.
- The Shoalhaven is part of the Illawarra Region which includes Wollongong, Shellharbour, Kiama, Wingecarribee and Shoalhaven Local Government Areas.
- The Shoalhaven covers 55% of the Illawarra Region's area and has 22.4% of the total Illawarra Regions' (414,547) population
- The Shoalhaven accounted for 31% of the Regions' population growth from 1996 - 2006.

Shoalhaven City Area

- The Shoalhaven occupies an area of 4,660 square km
- The Shoalhaven stretches from Broughton (just north of Berry) south to Durras (just north of Batemans Bay) and comprises 49 towns and villages, with an estimated 1,000 km of coastline when all bays and inlets are considered.

Length & Width

- The Shoalhaven is approximately 120km long and 80 km wide.

Financial

- Rates & Charges revenue (2008 -2009) - approximately \$82 million
- Total Expenditure (2008-2009) - approximately \$192 million.

Coastline & Waterways

- The Shoalhaven coastline covers approximately 170kms of southern New South Wales, excluding all bays and inlets.
- The Shoalhaven comprises 19 major catchments including rivers, bays, lakes and major creeks.

Tenure

- Approximately 70% of Shoalhaven area is in State ownership, through National Parks, State Forests or vacant Crown land.
- Over 100,000 ha of National Park has been declared within the Shoalhaven since 1972.
- The Shoalhaven contains approximately 64,549 parcels of land and 54,612 rateable assessments,
- Shoalhaven City Council owns approximately 4,465 land parcels.