



How healthy isSmiths Lake ?



Have you noticed changes in Smiths Lake over the past 10 years?

Has it become cleaner and healthier?

Or has it degraded?

In 2001 Great Lakes Council adopted the Smiths Lake Estuary Management Plan. The Plan sought to improve the health and long-term sustainability of the lake. This Plan is now being reviewed by Great Lakes Council and the Wallis and Smiths Lake Coast and Estuaries Committee. Lots has happened since 2001, both within the community and in our understanding of the 'science' of the lake. An up-to-date Plan is required so that Council, with support from various government agencies, can ensure that the lake stays healthy for future generations.

We need your help.....

The best people to comment on Smiths Lake are those that use it and see it every day. The Smiths Lake community is therefore encouraged to help with the Estuary Management Plan review. Questionnaires are currently being sent to local residents to obtain feedback on the plan, and should be sent back to us by **30th April 2010**.

What is an Estuary Management Plan?

An Estuary Management Plan is a 'guideline' document used by Councils and other agencies to help with long-term planning and environmental sustainability of an estuary (tidal waterway or lake). It contains a list of prioritised works and actions aimed at protecting the estuary values (ie its good aspects) and rectifying the issues (ie its bad aspects).

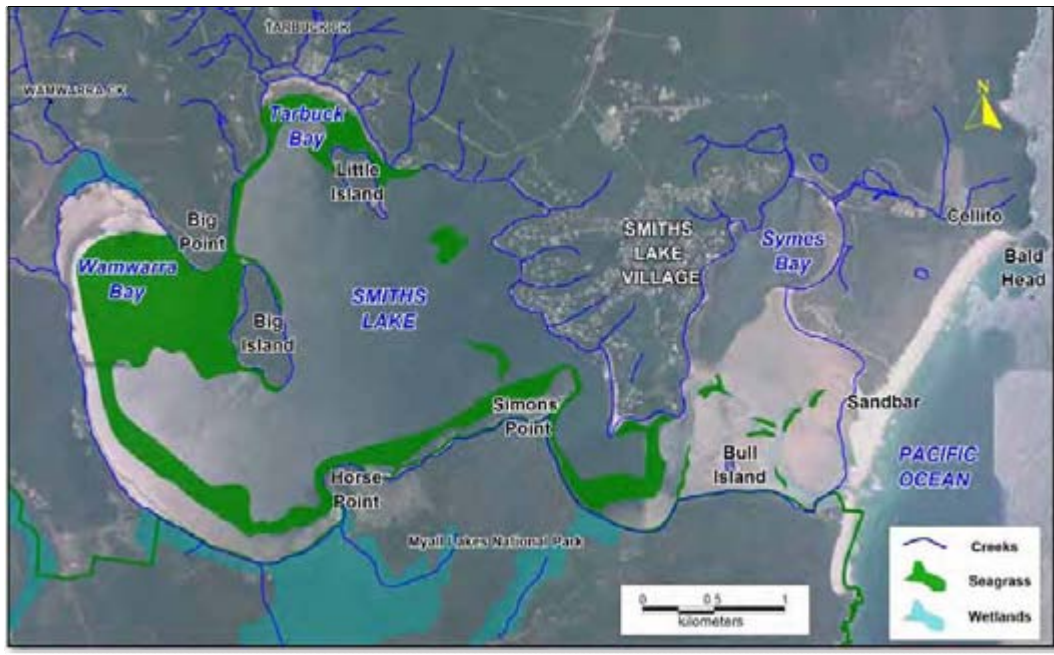
The Smiths Lake Estuary Management Plan focuses on five main topics:

1. Lake Entrance opening procedure,
2. Erosion and sedimentation,
3. Water quality,
4. Habitat conservation, and
5. Waterway access and user conflicts



For more details download the full Estuary Management Plan at :

<http://www.greatlakes.local.nsw.gov.au/environment/71604/71607.html>



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