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# **Five Headlands Coastal Experience**

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Council and NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service are working to deliver the Five Headlands Coastal Experience, an iconic project that will connect four of the Macleay Valley Coast's national parks and link five headlands.

Improvements to existing walking tracks and the development of several new linkages will enable residents and visitors to walk sections or the whole trail, with the option to stay overnight at a local national park or in other existing nearby accommodation. The project will produce a product unique to the region and enable local tourism operators to offer cultural and nature-based experiences along the route that appeal to outdoor enthusiasts, keen walkers and those who enjoy a scenic stroll.

The first stage of the project (Stage One) is due for completion by the end of June 2026. This section of the experience will cover an area of approximately 80 kilometres and run between the Macleay River mouth in South West Rocks and Point Plomer in Limeburner's Creek National Park.

To deliver Stage One, Council and NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service have secured \$3,355,000 from the NSW Government's Regional Tourism Activation Fund. Council and NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service will also help fund the project by contributing \$850,000 and \$574,500, respectively.

The project team is in the initial stages of development and the exact route, including any new linkages, is still to be determined following further investigations. This survey is an early part of those investigations.

To assist in planning for Stage One, we are keen to hear your views on how you currently use coastal walking tracks and trails.

## Please take part by clicking below. The survey will be open from 10 April to 8 May 2024.

Walking Tracks Usage Survey

## Walking Tracks Usage Survey

Participation in trail activities offers many social, health-related, and cultural benefits to residents and visitors alike.

Council is interested in how the community currently uses coastal tracks and trails to assist in the development of the Five Headlands Coastal Experience.

Click here to take the survey.

TAKE SURVEY



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## **Key Dates**

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## **Project Timeline**



December 2022 - Funding approved for Stage One

$\diamond$	March 2024 - Tender issued for Masterplan, Brand and Signage
•	April 2024 - Tenders due
•	September 2024 - Masterplan ready for Public Exhibition
Terms and Conditions Privacy Policy	October 2024 - Consultant reports and other work complete for trail works
Moderation Policy	December 2024 - Final Masterplan complete
Accessibility Technical Support	January 2025 - Trail works to commence
<u>Site Map</u> Cookie Policy	May 2026 - Works and Signage installation complete