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Dear Sir Madam,

Please find my suggestions, in bullet point format, to improve Byron Shire planning.

Current situation in Byron Bay:

1. Traffic congestion (bumper to bumper) on Bangalow Rd and Ewingsdale Rd, especially am and pm work/school cycle.
2. STHL model keeping rental accommodation out of reach.
3. Overcrowding in peak tourist time. Difficult to access amenities, beaches, no free public transport.
4. Infrastructure under stress. Roads continually under repair.
5. Tourism uncontrolled. Therefore traffic jams, high accommodation costs, litter, lack of parking space.

Suggestions to improve:

1. The Byron Industrial Estate has become a major employment hub. A secondary road to/from the M1 should alleviate this. The CBD bypass has helped, but still requires traffic to come into Jonson St.
2. Cap STHL outside the CBD to peak tourist times.
3. Use a lotto system (as done in WA to manage tourism on Rottnest Island). Eases pressure on infrastructure and creates a relaxed atmosphere that Byron WAS famous for. Thus creating a sustainable future for the industry. Adopt free bus service on popular locale circuit as Noosa Shire has just adopted. Beaches, lighthouse, CBD, etc.
4. See point 3. Byron is an old industrial town that has not had a proper development plan, so infrastructure designed and installed decades ago is under enormous pressure. Adding new developments, ie Harvest, only exacerbates the problem.
5. See point 3.

Thank you,

Regards

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