

Proposal: Five Mile Beach Golf Course

Proponent / s

Mathew Goggin

The Golf Preserve Pty Ltd

Location

Seven Mile Beach Public Reserve

Description of proposal

Mathew Goggin, Director of The Golf Preserve Pty Ltd is proposing to develop an 18-hole public golf course, at Five Mile Beach on the Seven Mile Beach Public Reserve. The Five Mile Beach Golf Course is proposed to be located to the north of the Seven Mile Beach Golf Course which is currently under construction and due to commence operations in late 2023.

The Proponents have an aspiration to develop both courses into a 'top 3' retail golf facility in Australia. The vision includes two complementary golf courses that provide a 'destination' for visitors, similar to Barnbougle Dunes Golf Resort, near Bridport. The additional course will complement the Seven Mile Beach Golf Course thereby increasing the capacity, number of visitors, number of jobs created and community access, while also improving vegetation management and helping to mitigate wind erosion to the area.

The investment value estimated for the Five Mile Beach Golf Course is \$6 million, taking The Golf Preserve Pty Ltd's total investment in the region to approximately \$18 million.

The Proponents aim to create a public golf destination capable of rivaling any other on the planet, while also focusing on upgrading public access and public facilities. The Proponents aim to deliver a community atmosphere where walkers, horse riders, dog walkers and beach goers can all enjoy the new facilities and improved access and trail network throughout Seven Mile Beach Conservation Area.

Estimated jobs created

During construction (first two years) 30 FTE. Once the course is operating 9-12 FTE (20-25 FTE across the two adjacent courses).

Social, cultural and environmental impact

The proposed site at Five Mile Beach area is an abandoned pine plantation where there has been significant erosion along the beach, a loss of shore bird habitat and increased bush fire risk. The community access to the area is currently poor. The Proponents have stated their vision includes the removal of the radiata pines, the revegetation of the site with native coastal species and will provide safe community access throughout the site.