



## STUDY CRITERIA AND CONSIDERATIONS Farmer's 130 Point Beach Assessment Guide

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### NATURAL INTEGRITY & AESTHETICS, ENVIRONMENTAL AND HABITAT CHARACTERISTICS

1. Bathymetry
2. Angle of repose
3. Photogenicity
4. Shorebirds and Migratory
5. Visual Amenity
6. Cleanliness and litter
7. Water quality
8. Flora and Fauna
9. First impressions
10. Foreshore dunal characteristics, introduced plantings and stabilisation
11. Intertidal invertebrates, rock pools and platforms etc
12. Atmosphere / Ambience
13. Noise pollution and air quality
14. Sand characteristics
15. Appeal and visual backdrop
16. Integrity of marine and aquatic resources
17. Sense of space and naturalness
18. Clarity of water and underwater visibility
19. Geological features
20. Natural and introduced flora species
21. Unique characteristics
22. Sense of comfort, social and physical
23. Naturalness
24. Sex appeal
25. The wow / fun factor
26. Sense of overall enjoyment
27. Colours, coastal geomorphological features and natural standout qualities
28. Flight paths overhead
29. Authenticity
30. Sunsets and Sunrises appeal
31. Smells positive and negative from seaweed wrack to general pollution
32. Disturbances, from noise to unwelcomed interferences
33. Snorkelling experiences

### SAFETY & HAZARDS - REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS AND MANAGEMENT

1. Wading depths for kids, aged and disabled
2. Sandflies and annoying insects
3. Beach Safety and warnings
4. Submerged hazards
5. LEP and DCP (Local Environment Planning/ Development Control Plans)
6. Foreshore Protection measures
7. Development sympathetic to coastal environment
8. 4WD on nesting sites or frontal dune systems
9. Fencing to protect sensitive coastal ecological sites as required
10. Phone reception (OOO)
11. Alcohol and smoking status
12. Regional transport options

13. Probability and popularity of beach structures including visual obstacles
14. Gross pollutants traps installed by Councils
15. Dangerous marine creatures and hazards
16. Stormwater and sewerage outfall proximity
17. Local government / NPWS educational and safety signage
18. Rock fishing warnings and safety buoys
19. Access to freshwater and first aid / defibrillator etc
20. Hazard mitigation measures
21. Conservation measures
22. Swimmer manageability
23. Child safety
24. Drone operations
25. Privacy and protections
26. CCTV
27. Measure of tourism exposure and overtourism
28. Rules around fires, hours of visitation, audible disturbances
29. Crime and safety
30. Disposal of rubbish and facilities within proximity
31. Recycling initiatives
32. Ecologically sensitive sites
33. Regulations and enforcement provisions
34. Sustainable management practices
35. SLSA patrols
36. Official beach hazard rating
37. Frequency of shark and crocodile presence, stinger enclosures, smart shark technologies, drone surveillance etc
38. Erosion measures
39. Pipes and drains
40. Access to buoyancy safety devices, life belts and rings and alarms

### COMMUNITY - HISTORY AND ENGAGEMENT, CULTURE

1. The backstory of the location, sense of community pride and engagement invested in their beach
2. Dunecare, Coastcare revegetation volunteerism
3. Multilingual signage
4. Community storytelling and engagement opportunities (First Nations etc)
5. Nature of visitor and local social behaviour
6. Dog friendly
7. Appeal to CALD visitors
8. Fishing options
9. Tolerance of nudity or cross-cultural sensitivities
10. Contextual and anecdotal reputation
11. Interesting backstories
12. Community attitudes towards tourism and visitor influx
13. Digital footprint
14. Community friendliness
15. Human density and seasonal crowdedness

### FACILITIES AND ACCESS - POPULARITY AND CARRYING CAPACITY

1. Traffic management
2. Connectivity
3. Evidence of vandalism
4. Distance from carpark to shoreline
5. Popularity and social media exposure
6. Access and tracks, degrees of difficulty and distances
7. Optimum holding capacity on beach
8. Amenities including toilets and personal care
9. Alternative experiences in changed weather conditions
10. Accessibility to shade and shelter or protection in any given weather conditions
11. Ease of access underfoot and any hazards
12. Access to eating and recreational opportunities
13. Cabana congestion
14. Tracks and pathways design including vistas, viewing platforms and lookouts
15. Playground equipment
16. Seating natural and introduced
17. Disability access opportunities
18. Access to fresh drinking water
19. Wash offs and showers
20. Changing facilities
21. Nature and walking trails
22. Interpretive and educational signage
23. Parking charges
24. Broad accommodation options
25. Whale watching
26. Shoreline fishing and beachcombing opportunities
27. Rip and sweep characteristics
28. Boating activity, anchorages and any moving or motorised craft activity
29. Jetties and promenades
30. Grass and passive park spaces
31. Optimum or average duration of visitation: short day trip or longer stay destination
32. Opportunities for human and marine interaction
33. Surfing, kite, jet ski and foil opportunities and designations
34. Entry fees and charges
35. Camping, RV's, day use opportunities

### WEATHER & SEASONS

1. Seasonal temperatures
2. Predominant seasonal weather characteristics
3. Predominant winds and conditions
4. Wave and swell characteristics
5. Tidal variations and changes
6. Frequency of storms and cyclones
7. Water temperature