

# Protect the Last Healthy Greater Glider Population on the NSW South Coast

Seven Mile Beach now holds the last stable population of Greater Gliders on the NSW South Coast, according to a long-term study by ecologist Garry Daly. There is evidence that Southern Greater glider populations are collapsing in most South Coast national parks, this fragile refuge persists only because of the surrounding high-value vegetation — much of which remains unprotected. Daly’s research shows Greater Gliders need at least 1000 hectares of connected habitat to survive, yet critical areas such as Coomonderry Swamp, NSW’s largest coastal freshwater wetland, are still vulnerable to clearing, sand mining and development. With Seven Mile Beach already described as “a small island of vegetation... disconnected from other populations,” any further fragmentation could push this isolated population toward extinction.

We therefore petition the NSW Government to:

1. Expand Seven Mile Beach National Park to include adjoining freehold and council managed land essential for the survival of the Greater Glider population.
2. Stop further sand mining and development on land adjoining the Park.
3. Protect Coomonderry Swamp and surrounding wetlands, incorporating them into the conservation estate.
4. Restore habitat corridors Protect remaining native forests and restore habitat to link the Seven Mile Beach gliders to hinterland populations to reduce isolation and strengthen longterm resilience.

**We urge the NSW Government to act now to protect this irreplaceable species and the unique ecosystems of Seven Mile Beach.**

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