



# Green light for Ninety Mile Beach area development ban

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**The Victorian Attorney-General has approved a ban on future development along a stretch of land next to the Ninety Mile Beach.**

MAP: Sale 3850



The ban applies to land between Glomar Beach and Golden Beach but some development is allowed on bigger lots at Glomar Beach.

The land is owned by about 14,000 landholders who were sold the worthless subdivided lots in the 1960s by a developer called William and Randell.

Wellington Shire councillor Darren McCubbin says the land should not have been sold in the first place.

"A huge concern in regards to the environment there, it's difficult to remove waste, effects of coastal seawater getting in and all sorts of things," he said.

"You're sitting on a primary dune on those other areas, certainly people can develop on those accepted nodal areas, council's now locked in a planning scheme with the State Government which means that they will be protected forever."

A group of Ninety Mile Beach landholders has rejected the ban and says it will keep fighting for justice.

Affected landholders are able to claim \$1,500 for each single lot they hand back to the Wellington Shire.

Since the buyback scheme started, only about half the landholders have taken up the offer.

Landholder Jo Taranto says migrants were ripped off in the 1960s and have not been treated fairly in 2013.

"I believe that we are entitled to be compensated for the 48 years of pain and trauma that we have suffered, the damage of pain and trauma and damages for the value that is being removed from our land," she said.

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