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It is folly to knowingly create a problem larger than one you are purporting to solve, yet this is what Council has done and apparently continues to do with construction of sea walls which sacrifice not just the amenity but the very existence of a public beach. That it involves expenditure of public money for private benefit makes it even worse.

It is clear now, as it has been for decades, that it is simply untenable to build on sand dunes. The combination of natural processes and sea level rise will increasingly impact such developments and it would be better to have an orderly retreat from surges and inundation than to attempt the implausible and impossible.

The story of King Canute comes to mind in the current circumstance.

I implore you to rely on something other than hard engineering to undo the damage that has been caused to an extremely valuable public asset. The recent construction of a concrete wall should be recognised not only as an unacceptable precedent but as an abomination that must be removed.

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