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**To:** Office of the Legislative Counsel  
**Subject:** Bill 106 - Coastal Protection Act

Attn: Law Amendments Committee (Legislative Counsel Office)

The Surfing Association of Nova Scotia would like to submit our concerns regarding Bill 106 - Coastal Protection Act.

While as a group, surfers are deeply invested in the health of the natural environment and support the protection of coastal areas, SANS would like to stress that the province be more proactive in providing protection when it is necessary to protect ecosystems and infrastructure. An example of this is the much needed breakwater wall on Highway 207 at Lawrencetown Beach Point to protect the roadway and preserve the beach from further erosion. We are concerned the government hasn't provided consistent upkeep of their responsibilities prior to the creation of this act (Section 16).

Furthermore, we are concerned with the current state of existing provincial infrastructure in Coastal Protection Zones. Lawrencetown Beach is a popular tourist destination and is heavily featured in Provincial Tourism ads. Surf Tourism is also heavily featured and gaining momentum bringing people from all over the world to experience our beautiful beaches and bringing in money for local businesses. It is imperative that the Lawrencetown Beach Hut (washroom, changing facilities, garbage disposal, etc...) be upgraded prior to the passing of this bill. Clause 9 specifies that no one shall modify a structure in a Coastal Protection Zone and we believe this building will fall into further disrepair, not only discouraging visitors from enjoying the beaches, but putting locals in danger from the disused building and lack of shelter during winter surfing.

We look forward to hearing your response.

Kind regards,

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