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Several people are standing on the upper deck of the boat, looking out towards the water.

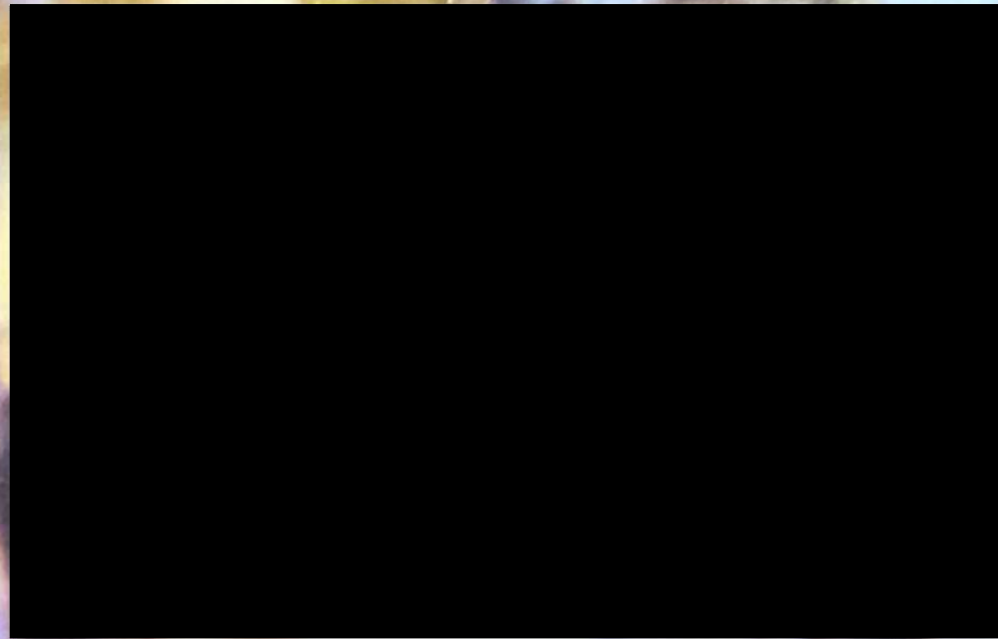
A person is standing on the lower deck of the boat, near the front of the SUV.

A blue SUV is parked on the deck of the boat, facing forward. The vehicle has a white bumper and a roof rack.

A white metal railing runs along the edge of the deck, providing safety for passengers.















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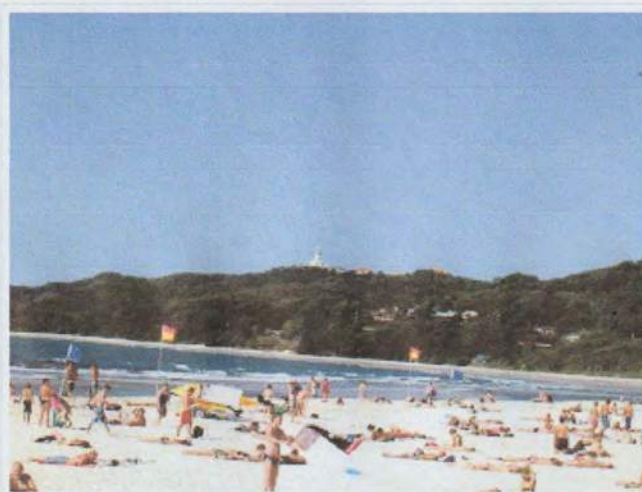
## Radioactive Byron Bay

Did you know that much of the new development after 1973 and surrounding lands of Byron Bay are radio active, something like 20 times over the safety limit?

Byron was a sand mining town in the mid 20<sup>th</sup> Century. There were two types of sand around Byron, one radioactive, the other sand kept the radioactive sand safe. They mined out all the safe sand and left large concentrations of the radioactive sand then covered it with 6 feet of topsoil.



The tailings left by the rutile mining and used as land fill between 1934 and 1975 were monozite containing radioactive thorium. The government, in their archaic wisdom, chose



NOT to force the mining companies to clean it up. Test it for yourself - get a Geiger Counter and put it on the trees around Byron suburbs, parks, and schools, built after 1975.

Folks started moving away when the radioactively was made public in 1982, and you could get a cottage on the Belongil spit for \$4,000, but after that the celebrities and tourism came and since then everything was hushed up, then forgotten. The same as Byron Council and Police have been hushing up the

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# Radioactive sand concern

MOVES by the State Government to remove a huge dune of slightly radioactive sand from Rainbow Beach may be the first step in a \$100 million land swap deal.

By Craig Warhurst

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# Radioactive sand bound for China

TONNES of potentially radioactive mineral sand is being dug out of the scrub behind a Sunshine Coast beach and apparently being shipped directly to China.

By Damian Bathersby

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Sand is being taken from the North Shore of Noosa and exported to China. Picture: Nicholas Falconer

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# Qld Govt reportedly working on radiation hot spot clean-up

RAINBOW Beach residents may well have it "made in the shade", but Reg Lawler says the govt appears to be working to make sure no one gets a tan.

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Beach conservation advocate Reg Lawler says a radiation clean-up seems to be underway at Inskip Point. Picture: Submitted

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## Issue of radioactive dust in Byron Bay blows up again

By Chris Dobney | April 24, 2018 | 4



*Sand mining in Byron Bay began in the 1930s and ran up until the 1980s. File photo*

### Chris Dobney & Hans Lovejoy

Byron Environment Centre (BEC) and a prominent council watcher say their calls for information about possible radioactive dust pollution during excavation at the Mercato shopping mall site in Byron Bay are falling on deaf ears.

In November last year, Jo Faith followed a truck full of spoil from the excavations at the Mercato site, which she said was only partially covered with a tarp and had the potential to spread radioactive dust 'from Byron Bay to Queensland', where she believes the fill was destined to be tipped.

Then, earlier this year, BEC's John Lazarus noticed two men taking Geiger counter readings in Railway Park.

As revealed by *Echonetdaily* in 2014, the Mercato development is being built on the site of a former mineral sands mill, and [some of the radioactive tailings were buried at the site](#) when the (then) Byron Plaza shopping centre was built in the 1980s.

But despite concerns expressed by local traders four years ago about their potential for exposure to radioactive dust during excavations, Byron Council focused instead on Mercato's

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# Radioactive sand forces closure of campground

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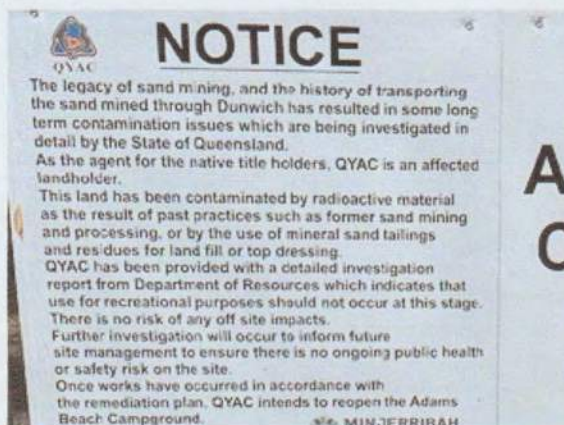
North Stradbroke Island's Adam's Beach campground is temporarily closed. PIC: Minjerribah Camping

January 6, 2021

In the past few weeks, campsites in various parts of Australia have been closed due to flooding, bushfire, gastro outbreaks and construction ... and now we can add radioactive sand to the list!

The Fraser Coast Chronicle reports that the Adam's Beach campground in Dunwich on Queensland's North Stradbroke Island was locked down in the weeks before Christmas following the discovery of radioactive material in top soil at the site.

The Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation – which manages the island – said it closed the campground following advice from the Department of Resources.



A notice regarding the closure of North Stradbroke Island's Adam's Beach campground. PIC: Fraser Coast Chronicle



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