



NSW Coastal Council

NSW Coastal Council Meeting – summary minutes

27 April 2021

Meeting was held online.

Coastal Council members in attendance:

- Annelise Tuor, Chair
- Pam Dean-Jones
- Martijn Gough
- Hannah Power
- Shay Simpson
- Bruce Thom

Apology: Kate Brooks

Members were welcomed to the third meeting of Council for 2021. Matters for this meeting included: an update on all work plan tasks; a submission to the DPIE (Water) Coastal Harvestable Rights Review; and briefings on topics of strategic importance to Council activities or education.

Council's 2020-21 Work Plan

1. *Application of "beneficiary-pays" principle to implementing coastal protection options in certified Coastal Zone Management Plans and Coastal Management Programs.*

Update: Project is on track to report to the Minister by June 2021. Interviews of selected stakeholders from state and local government and industry (economists and coastal engineers) have been completed and summary of the main findings prepared. The task sub-committee will report its findings and recommendations for consideration at Council's June 2021 meeting.

2. *Coastal Council audit process and related communication materials.*

Update: The Minister has acknowledged the work completed by Council on a draft performance audit framework. Detailed feedback on the draft framework is expected in the coming months.

3. *Opportunities to improve water quality outcomes and identify opportunities to integrate actions in the Marine Estate Management Strategy (MEMS) with Coastal Management Programs (CMP).*

Update: Project is on track to provide the Minister with a further update by June 2021. The update will include the outcomes of a briefing by DPIE Environment Energy and Science and Department Primary Industry (Fisheries) on MEMS-CMP integration and Council's interim report recommendations plus an independent review by Council of MEMS delivery reporting.

4. *Implementation review of the Lake Cathie Coastal Zone Management Plan.*

Update: Council's report and recommendations on the implementation of the Lake Cathie CZMP have been forwarded to Minister Hancock for consideration.

Other Work Plan Activities

Minister Hancock has directed Coastal Council involvement in the preparation of a Greater Sydney Harbour CMP and Stockton Taskforce.

Prof. Bruce Thom, Chair of the Greater Sydney Harbour CMP Project Steering Committee, updated members on briefings given to senior representatives from DPIE, Transport for NSW and Sydney Water on the initiative and its benefits for interagency coordination and engagement with local government at a catchment scale for Sydney Harbour waterway health.

Assoc. Professor Hannah Power updated members on the Stockton Taskforce, noting the Taskforce meeting minutes are published online and provide a summary of the Taskforce activities. Offshore exploration for beach nourishment sands including seabed mapping and sampling programs is underway.

Council Briefings

The Coastal Management Act 2016 ([s25](#)) provides for Council to “seek independent expert advice on technical, scientific, legal and policy matters” in the exercise of its functions. Members discussed the benefits of independent expert briefings and the process for selecting topics for future meeting agendas. A shortlist of topics of strategic importance to the Council’s activities is to be prepared.

NEXT MEETING: Next Council meeting is scheduled for 29 June 2021.