



National Parks and Wildlife Advisory Council

Meeting summary – Sydney, 29 November 2022

The National Parks and Wildlife Advisory Council provides the Minister for Environment and Heritage and the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) executive with independent, informed advice on the priorities, design and evaluation of NPWS policies, strategies and programs to help achieve the objects of the National Parks and Wildlife Act.

Council also plays a key advocacy role through engagement with stakeholder organisations.

NPWS updated Council on:

- recent acquisitions of national park estate
- NPWS/Destination NSW joint advertising campaign promoting national parks
- the recent visit to NSW of Charles Sams III, Director of the United States National Parks Service
- NPWS pest management programs and the recent review of aerial shooting programs
- new NPWS uniforms
- NPWS response to the NSW Government ban on single use plastics
- updates on NPWS Cycling Strategy and policy, as well as the NPWS draft Accessible Parks Policy
- Aboriginal Joint Management program, NPWS Education programs and bushfire management
- NPWS Great Walks and subsequent discussion on bushwalking management
- 2022–23 Plan of Management program
- upcoming leases and licences.

Council considered 3 lease proposals in preparation for advice to the Minister.

More information: www.environment.nsw.gov.au/about-us/who-we-are/national-parks-and-wildlife-advisory-council

Council members

Cr Phyllis Miller OAM (Chairperson): Experience in planning and local government, nominated by Local Government NSW

Mr Ted Rowley (Deputy Chairperson): Expertise and experience in rural and regional development and planning issues.

Assoc Prof Rosemary Black: Expertise and experience in environmental education and community involvement in environmental education.

Mr Brian Everingham: Expertise in non-government organisations concerned with the conservation of nature, nominated by NSW National Parks Assoc.

Cr Romola Hollywood: Experience in planning and local government, nominated by Local Government NSW

Mr Paul Knight: Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee member

Assoc Prof Julie Old: Scientific qualifications in an area associated with the conservation of nature.

Ms Cathy Parsons: Expertise and experience in ecotourism or the sustainable visitor or tourist use, enjoyment and appreciation of reserves

Mrs Erica Smits: Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee member

Mr Craig Thomas: Representing peak recreational bodies.

Mr Ross McDonnell: Expertise in non-government organisations concerned with the conservation of nature, nominated by the NSW Nature Conservation Council

Dr Rebecca Spindler: Scientific qualifications in areas associated with the conservation of nature

Dr Allison O'Sullivan: Qualifications in cultural heritage research

Mr Gregory Mullins: Expertise and experience in bushfire management