

Meeting Minutes

NSW Biodiversity Conservation Advisory Panel (BCAP)

Held on: Wednesday 7 August 2024, 9:30 am – 11:30 am

At: 231 Elizabeth Street Sydney and Microsoft Teams

BCAP attendees

Dr Ian Cresswell (Chairperson)

Mr Kerry Doss

Professor Michelle Leishman

Dr Ben Milligan (online)

Professor Angela Moles

Dr Kate Wilson (online)

Departmental and Secretariat attendees:

Brendan Bruce, Deputy Secretary, *Biodiversity Conservation and Science (BCS)*

Sharon Molloy, Executive Director, *Conservation Policy and Programs (CPP), BCS*

Nicholas Cobb, Director, *Conservation Strategy and Reform, CPP*

Steven Cox, Director, *Planning and Land Policy (PLP)*

India Antpohler, *Senior Policy Officer, PLP*

Minutes

Item 1. Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country

- The Chair acknowledged the First Nation custodians of the lands on which the meeting took place, and paid respects to their elders past and present.

Item 2. Actions and minutes from previous meeting

- BCS and the panel discussed progress on actions arising from previous meetings.

Item 3. Updates from Panel members on other Boards and programs

- Panel members provided updates on relevant conference sessions, board appointments and workshops.

Item 4. BCS updates

- BCS provided an update on the process to recruit Aboriginal panel members and an update on the national targets agreed to at the June 2024 Environment Minister's Meeting.

Item 5. Five-year statutory review of the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* and Part 5A of the *Local Land Services Act 2013* government response

- BCS updated the panel on the release of the NSW Plan for Nature and how BCAP can provide advice to support the implementation of plan actions.

Item 6. BCAP advice on the NSW Nature Strategy

- BCS and the panel discussed the development of the NSW Nature Strategy.

Item 7. BCAP advice on stopping excess land clearing election commitment

- BCS and the panel discussed advice on the election commitment to stop excess land clearing.

Item 9. Review of meeting and close

- The Chair noted next meeting is scheduled for October 2024.