



NSW Coastal Council

NSW Coastal Council Meeting – summary minutes

19 October 2021

Meeting was held online.

Coastal Council members in attendance:

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

Members were welcomed to the sixth meeting of Council for 2021. The main matters for this meeting include tracking progress on the Council's 2021-22 Work Plan tasks, an update on the Greater Sydney Harbour Coastal Management Program, and preparation for the Council's 2021 annual survey of the implementation of the Coastal Management Framework. Department Planning Industry and Environment representatives presented on climate change scenarios for NSW and embedding resilience principles in the NSW planning system.

Council's 2021-22 Work Plan update

- **Task 1-2021: Provide advice to the Minister as part of the five-year statutory review of the Coastal Management Act 2016.**
Council's initial advice and recommendations on the scope and terms of reference for the review of the Act have been submitted to Minister Hancock. Further advice will be provided as the review progresses. Subject to the Minister's decision, Council will seek to ensure that matters it considers important are included in the review.
- **Task 2-2021: Provide advice on opportunities to improve the coordinated management of estuaries.**
The task has been split into two components. The first component, to be reported to the Minister by December 2021, will be high-level strategic advice on the constraints (e.g. economic, social, cultural, knowledge and governance) acting as barriers to coordinated estuary management. The second component, due by June 2022, will identify what actions are necessary and can be taken to support local government Coastal Management Program planning and implementation. To date, interviews have been completed with state agency representatives from DPIE and those involved in estuary-related Marine Estate Management Strategy Projects from DPI Fisheries and Transport for NSW. These interviews have highlighted the need for state and local government to be better aligned in the delivery of their respective programs for the common purpose of coordinated estuary management
- **Greater Sydney Harbour Coastal Management Program**
Twenty councils within the Greater Sydney Harbour catchment are collaborating with state agencies to develop a whole-of-system Coastal Management Program for Greater Sydney Harbour. At the direction of Minister Hancock, Professor Thom chairs the Steering Committee for the program. The Sydney Coastal Councils Group (SCCG), a Regional

Organisation of Councils, is project managing the delivery of this CMP. SCCG in partnership with the Parramatta River Catchment Group has been successful in receiving Coastal and Estuary Grant Program funding of \$274,000, matching (2:1) a contribution of \$137,000 from the twenty local government organisations participating in the CMP. The funding is for a CMP Stage 2 planning assessment of issues related to waterway health for the Greater Sydney Harbour. More information on the CMP scope, governance and participants can be found [online](#) at the Sydney Coastal Councils Group website.

- Council's 2021 annual survey of the implementation of the Coastal Management Framework
Council endorsed the 2021 survey for release on 25/10/21. The Council's 2021 survey of coastal managers and practitioners will build on the results of previous surveys ([2018](#), [2019](#) and [2020](#)) which contributed to the development of priorities for the Coastal and Estuary Program [Future Directions Statement](#), and will inform Council's advice to the Minister on its 2021-2022 Work Plan tasks.

Presentations by Department Planning Industry & Environment. : Embedding resilience principles in the NSW planning system; Climate Change climate change scenarios for NSW.

Two presentations by Santina Camroux, Director Resilient Planning Branch, and Matthew Riley, Director Climate and Atmospheric Science, outlined work underway in the department to incorporate social, cultural, economic and environmental resilience principles in landuse planning for the state and local government plus how international climate scenarios are being used to inform NSW future planning.

NEXT MEETING: The final Council meeting for 2021 is scheduled for 7 December 2021.