



# NSW Coastal Council

## NSW Coastal Council Meeting – summary minutes

5 July 2024

Meeting was held online.

Coastal Council members in attendance:

- Dr Philip Haines, Chair
- Mark Conlon
- Dr Elizabeth McEntyre

Apology: Grahame Byron

Representatives from the Department Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) Biodiversity Conservation and Science (Conservation Policy & Programs Division) attended by video.

Following an Acknowledgement of Country by Mark Conlon, Coastal Council (the Council) members and guests were welcomed to the third meeting of the Council for 2024.

The main agenda items included: Coastal Council 2024 survey of the Coastal Management Framework implementation; an update on the Council's 2024 work plan; and, presentations from DCCEEW on state government natural hazards governance arrangements and scope of an updated statewide coastal hazard risk assessment.

### Coastal Council 2024 Survey

The Council has undertaken regular surveys of coastal practitioners' experience of the implementation of the Coastal Management Framework (Framework) since 2018 and, with the Minister's approval, published results of the surveys on the Coastal Council web page (see [2022 Survey Summary](#)). The surveys provide a unique longitudinal view of the Framework implementation, identifying areas working well and those which may benefit from further refinement, and informing the Council's advice to government.

For the 2024 survey, the Council has both retained core questions from previous surveys and included new ones related to its 2024 work plan topics.

The Council approved publication of the 2024 survey seeking stakeholder responses for a period of three weeks (8 – 29/7/24).

### 2024 Work Plan – Update

A summary of the Council's 2024 work plan has been published (see [Meeting 2024-2 Summary](#)). Activities to date on the work plan have primarily involved government briefings related to work plan topics.

The Council will seek feedback on the work plan topics and coastal management program (CMP) development and implementation in meetings with representatives of selected local councils and other organisations during August.

### Agency Presentations - DCCEEW.

*NSW government natural hazard governance framework and links to coastal management programs.* The presentation outlined key aspects of the state government's natural hazards governance arrangements. In particular, the role of the NSW Reconstruction Authority, its guiding legislation, and the links between the State Disaster Mitigation Plan (SDMP), Disaster Adaptation Plans (DAPs) and coastal management programs (CMPs). The presentation highlighted the multi-hazard approach of the SDMP and its vision to reduce the costs and impacts of natural disasters to all tiers of government and the community. This approach is designed to build on and complement existing arrangements and

programs for hazard risk management, including the coastal management framework and actions in local councils' certified CMPs.

*Scope and methods for revised coastal hazard mapping in NSW.*

The DCCEEW Water Wetlands & Coastal Science Group presentation identified how current science is supporting the delivery of the coastal management framework and is used to provide government decision makers with the best information possible on a range of environmental management issues. This research, typically done on a statewide scale and using consistent documented best practice methodologies, is applied in water, coast and marine policy areas. The updated statewide coastal erosion and inundation exposure assessment is an example of the branch's work and the presentation outlined how the updated statewide coastal hazard assessment utilises the latest IPCC AR6 sea level rise projections and improvements in available data and methods in a review of the statewide coastal hazard exposure assessments completed in 2017/2018.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the Coastal Council is planned for September 2024.