



NSW Coastal Council

NSW Coastal Council Meeting – summary minutes

22 February 2022

Meeting was held online.

Coastal Council members in attendance:

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

Kate Brooks was an apology.

Members were welcomed to the first meeting of Coastal Council (the Council) for 2022. The main matters for this meeting include updates on the Council's 2021-22 Work Plan, including findings of the 2021 annual survey of coastal practitioners on the implementation of the Coastal Management Framework. Department Planning and Environment representatives presented an update on the coastal management toolkit.

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.

Department Planning and Environment representatives confirmed the process and timing for targeted consultation with state and local government stakeholders, and the Coastal Council, in early 2022 ahead of the tabling of a report on the review in both houses of Parliament by June 2022.

- Task 2-2021: Provide advice on opportunities to improve the coordinated management of estuaries.

Council submitted its interim findings on barriers to the coordinated management of estuaries to the Department Planning and Environment in December 2021.

- 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 (CMP) with a waterway health focus.

CMP Stage 2 studies underway to determine risks, vulnerabilities and opportunities for waterway health include a detailed investigation into stormwater management across the harbour catchment and case studies of good practice in the sustainable governance for waterway health. These studies are planned to be completed by June 2022.

- Council's 2021 annual survey of the implementation of the Coastal Management

Framework

The purpose of the Coastal Council's 2021 survey of coastal managers and practitioners is to review the implementation of the Coastal Management Framework and identify matters of concern for local councils in the development of their Coastal Management Programs. The survey builds on the findings of surveys undertaken by the Council in previous years (i.e. [2018](#), [2019](#) and [2020](#)). The 2021 survey findings were submitted to the Minister in early 2022.

Presentation by Department Planning and Environment: Coastal Management Toolkit.

The [coastal management toolkit](#) (the toolkit) is an online resource containing information and guidance to help councils to manage the NSW coast and prepare coastal management programs.

The toolkit has had a number of major updates in recent months to address a range of local government and community information needs. An update of note is the [Estuaries of NSW web page](#) which has links to information on individual estuary health, research on climate change and estuaries, and new technical information on the form and function of ICOLLS and approaches to entrance management. The toolkit also has new information and tools on how councils can achieve the state water quality policy objectives in their Local Environment Plans as well as links to new information published from the Marine Estate Management Strategy. Users can register online for notification of toolkit updates at coastal.management@environment.nsw.gov.au

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of Council is scheduled for 26 April 2022.