

NSW Coastal Council Meeting 3 – summary minutes

10 September 2018

Professor Bruce Thom chaired the meeting. Coastal Council members in attendance were:

- Professor Bruce Thom, Chair, NSW Coastal Council
 - Ron Cox, NSW Coastal Council
 - William Glamore, NSW Coastal Council
 - Angus Gordon, NSW Coastal Council
 - Jane Lofthouse, NSW Coastal Council
 - Annelise Tuor, NSW Coastal Council
- Apology* Kate Brooks, NSW Coastal Council

The Council discussed a number of matters at the meeting, including those summarised below.

WORKING WITH STATE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

The NSW Department of Industry (Crown Lands) were invited to present on the Crown Land Management Act 2016, which commenced on 1 July 2018, its relation to the *Coastal Management Act 2016* and to coastal management by state and local government more broadly. An overview of Native Title (*Commonwealth Native Title Act 1993*) and Land Rights (*Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983*) and their importance for coastal management in New South Wales was also presented.

Understanding the interface between these pieces of legislation will be critical to integrated decision making by state and local government with responsibilities for coastal management, particularly in the preparation of Coastal Management Programs (CMP). Coastal Council will reinforce this point in its engagement with state and local government as new CMPs are scoped and implemented. Crown Lands representatives welcomed the opportunity to brief the Coastal Council and to provide a further update on the development of their coastal policy and programs in 2019.

COASTAL COUNCIL WORK PROGRAM

Five key coastal management issues informing the work program were noted with the Minister at the inaugural meeting of the Coastal Council in June 2018. Council members discussed the need to review the reliability and cumulative impact of technical decision making tools used for individual planning and development proposals at the coast; the importance of developing accessible and practical guidance to local government staff on the steps to prepare a CMP; criticality of improved coordination of state and local government activities in coastal areas; and, building capacity in local government to assist them deliver the objectives of the *Coastal Management Act 2016*.

Coastal Council is engaging with coastal stakeholders in a variety of forums to hear the issues confronting coastal management programming and to facilitate discussions and solutions to persistent issues of coastal planning and management confronted by local government. Coastal Council's audit of local government CMPs and certified Coastal Zone Management Plans is helping to build the evidence base needed to assist local government CMP planning and implementation

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Council is scheduled for October 2018.