



26 July 2022

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 AM

Members were welcomed to the fourth meeting of the Coastal Council (the Council) for 2022. The main agenda items included a note on the successful completion of the Council's 2021–22 Work Plan, the Council's 2022–23 Work Plan, management of locations of significant open coast hazards, and a Department Planning and Environment presentation on engaging First Nations people on coastal management programs.

Council's 2021–22 Work Plan completed

Council submitted the final report of its 2021–22 Work Plan in June 2022. The report provides advice on improving the coordinated management of estuaries when preparing and implementing coastal management programs.

Council's 2022–23 Work Plan

The Minister for Local Government, the Hon. Wendy Tuckerman, has set the priorities for Council's advice in 2022–23. The Minister has requested Council's advice, including support for the Department Planning and Environment (Department), in four main areas.

1. Review of selected actions from the Coastal and Estuary Program Future Directions Statement.
 - Coastal management program performance audit process and metrics.
 - Criteria and a process for identifying high priority threats and risks to coastal values of the open coast and estuaries.
 - Draft guidance, as prepared by the department, around sea level rise and coastal adaptation.
 - Draft guidance, as prepared by the department, on involving First Nations communities in coastal planning and management.
2. Undertake the 2022 Annual Survey of the implementation of the Coastal Management Framework and provide advice on the key issues and needs identified through the survey in managing existing and emerging issues in coastal management program preparation and implementation.
3. Review the existing guidance material available in the Coastal Management Toolkit and provide recommendations on any gaps or opportunities that may exist to supplement this guidance.
4. Continuation of Professor Emeritus Bruce Thom AM FTSE FIAG as Chair of the Greater Sydney Harbour Coastal Management Program (CMP) Steering Committee, and continuation of Associate Professor Hannah Power and Mr Martijn Gough as members of the Stockton Beach Taskforce.

Management of locations of significant open coast hazards

Council has prepared advice on the history of locations of significant open coast hazards and their management. Recommendations are made for short and long term actions to improve the management of these locations while coastal management programs and Coastal Vulnerability Area maps are being developed.

Engaging First Nations people on coastal management programs

A presentation by Mr Andrew Williams from the Department Planning and Environment on commitments of the Future Directions Statement as they relate to First Nations people engagement on coastal management, and additional guidance to government on involving Aboriginal communities in coastal planning and management to reflect Aboriginal peoples' spiritual, social, customary, and economic use of the coastal zone. The presentation highlighted the need for more information on the principles of cultural safety when engaging with First Nations people on coastal management programs and training in the application of these principles.

Acknowledgement – Dr Kate Brooks

Dr Kate Brooks steps down at the end of August 2022 from her role as the nominee of the Minister administering the *Marine Estate Management Act 2014* to the Coastal Council. Kate was first appointed to the Council in 2017, reappointed in 2020, and has been an active member of Council throughout. Kate's leadership on the preparation of Council's advice to the Minister on the improved integration of coastal and marine management in New South Wales is particularly acknowledged.

The Chair acknowledged Dr Kate Brooks and her contributions to the Council since 2017.

Next meeting: The next meeting of Council is scheduled for 27 September 2022.