



## NSW Coastal Council Meeting – summary minutes

28 June 2019

Coastal Council members in attendance were:

- Professor Bruce Thom, Chair
- Ron Cox
- William Glamore
- Angus Gordon
- Jane Lofthouse
- Annelise Tuor

Apology: Dr Kate Brooks

The Council met with the Minister for Local Government, the Hon. Shelley Hancock MP, at the Office of Local Government in Nowra in June. The meeting was an opportunity to introduce Council members to the Minister, and to discuss a range of matters related to the Minister's responsibilities under the Coastal Management Act 2016.

Members introduced themselves and provided a brief account of their expertise in coastal engineering, local government, statutory planning (state and local government), estuarine management and research. The Chair noted Council membership also includes Dr Kate Brooks, the nominee of the Minister administering the Marine Estate Management Act. Dr Brooks and Associate Professor Will Glamore are both members of the Marine Estate Expert Knowledge Panel.

An open discussion followed on topics including the importance of coordination of state and local government activities in the coastal zone to support local government Coastal Management Programs' (CMPs) planning and implementation. The Council is ready to advise the Minister on matters of coastal management, if requested, as part of its 2019-2020 work program.

The Minister thanked the Council for an open and informative discussion of the challenges and opportunities of improved statewide coastal management and looked forward to working with the Council over the coming year. The Minister and her staff left the meeting at this point.

Members noted general progress on the current work program and the need to revisit the program priorities as directed by the Minister.

Stakeholder engagements of note since the last meeting included briefings by the Chair to Minister for Local Government and the Coordinator General Environment, Energy and Science (DPIE) on the role of the Coastal Council. The Secretary presented to local government and industry on Council work over the past year in support of local government CMP planning at the Hunter Central Coast – CMP Information & Discussion Forum. Council members (Angus Gordon and Ron Cox) and the Secretary attended the launch of MyCoast, a state government funded research project completed by UNSW into community perceptions of two coastal hazards –coastal erosion and coastal inundation - and the driving forces behind these hazards including severe storms and sea level rise.

**NEXT MEETING** The next meeting of the Council is scheduled for 23 August 2019.