



National Parks & Wildlife Advisory Council

Meeting summary – 7 and 8 September 2021 (online)

The National Parks and Wildlife Advisory Council provides the Minister for Energy and Environment and the NPWS executive with independent, informed advice on the priorities, design and evaluation of NPWS policies, strategies and programs to help achieve the objects of the National Parks and Wildlife Act.

Council also plays a key advocacy role through engagement with stakeholder organisations.

The Council met online on Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th September 2021.

Council were briefed on and considered:

- The **NPWS Threatened Species Framework**
- **Assets of Intergenerational Significance** with plans to declare over 200 sites and to set a target of zero extinctions of species on the NSW national park estate
- The **NPWS Executive Restructure** effective from 20 September
- The **Eco-health reporting project**
- The **NSW Bushfire Coronial Inquiry**
- **Feral predator-free areas policy**
- **Parks Eco Pass** reforms
- **On-line booking system** improvements
- **Status of NPWS leases and licences**
- **Snowy Mountains Special Activation Precinct**
- **Status of plans of management** and the current PoM program
- The **Karst Management Advisory Committee's** role and functions.

Council's Planning Committee provided advice to the Minister on the:

- Bents Basin State Conservation Area and Gulguer Nature Reserve plan of management
- Central Mallee Reserves plan of management
- Ngambaa Nature Reserve plan of management amendment.

Council's Statement of Strategic Intent was adopted providing a strategic forward plan for the Council up until June 2022.

More information

www.environment.nsw.gov.au/NPWS/NPWSAdvisoryCouncil.html

Council members

Assoc Prof Rosemary Black:

Expertise and experience in environmental education and community involvement in environmental education.

Mr Brian Everingham:

Expertise in non-government organisations concerned with the conservation of nature, nominated by NSW National Parks Assoc.

Cr Romola Hollywood:

Experience in planning and local government, nominated by Local Government NSW

Cr Phyllis Miller OAM:

Experience in planning and local government, nominated by Local Government NSW (observer)

Assoc Prof Julie Old:

Scientific qualifications in an area associated with the conservation of nature.

Ms Cathy Parsons: Expertise and experience in bush fire management.

Ms Bronwyn Petrie:

Expertise and experience in agriculture and rural issues, nominated by the NSW Farmers' Association (observer)

Mrs Helen Riley: Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee member

Mr Ted Rowley: Expertise and experience in rural and regional development and planning issues.

Mr Craig Thomas:

Representing peak recreational bodies.

Ms Dianne Thompson OAM:

Expertise in non-government organisations concerned with the conservation of nature, nominated by the Nature Conservation Council of New South Wales.