



# National Parks & Wildlife Advisory Council

## Meeting summary – 24 November 2021 (online)

The National Parks and Wildlife Advisory Council provides the Minister for Environment and Heritage 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 Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

Council were briefed on and considered:

- The **NPWS COVID-19 response and draft DPIE Vaccination in the Workplace Policy**
- **Draft Kosciuszko National Park Wild Horse Heritage Management Plan**
- **Acquisition of land for NPWS reserves**
- **Increased firefighter capacity**
- The **National Parks and Wildlife Act Amendment Bill** and associated changes to the functions of the Council
- The **NPWS Cycling Strategy**
- **NPWS Carbon Positive Plan**
- **Status of plans of management** and the current PoM program.

Council considered leases and licences for:

- Charlotte Pass Turning Circle, Kosciuszko National Park
- Perisher View Lodge, Kosciuszko National Park
- Pitt Town Sports Club, Scheyville National Park.

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

- Hill End Historic Site Draft Plan of Management
- South East Wollemi National Park Draft Horse-Riding Management Plan.

More information

[www.environment.nsw.gov.au/NPWS/NPWSAdvisoryCouncil.html](http://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

### **Mr Paul Knight:**

Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee member

### **Cr Phyllis Miller OAM:**

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

### **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)

### **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.