

NSW Coastal Panel	MEETING NUMBER: 23
	LOCATION: Teleconference
	DATE: 11 JANUARY 2016
MINUTES	

Present

Name	Nominating Organisation
Mr Angus Gordon (AG)	Chair
Dr Carolyn Davies (CD)	Office of Environment and Heritage (Deputy Chair)
Prof Bruce Thom (BT)	Local Government NSW (LGNSW)
Prof Andrew Short (A)	Local Government NSW (LGNSW)
Ms Jane Lofthouse (JL)	Local Government NSW (LGNSW)
Mr Steve Lawson (SL)	Department of Primary Industries – Crown Lands
Dr Marc Daley (MD)	Office of Environment and Heritage - Coastal Panel Secretariat

Agenda Item 1 – Welcome and Apologies

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed Panel members.

Apologies were received from Mr Stephen Wills (Department of Primary Industries – Crown Lands), Mr Stephen Murray (Department of Planning and Environment), Mr Allan Young (Department of Planning and Environment) and Jane Gibbs (Coastal Panel Secretariat)

Agenda Item 2 – Declaration of Interests

No declarations of interest were received.

Agenda Item 3 – Confirmation of Previous Panel Minutes

Acceptance of the minutes from meeting number 21 was moved by BT and seconded by JL.

Agenda Item 4 – Matters arising from Previous Meetings

MD advised he is following matters in relation to the Panel's advice supplied to Wollongong City Council and Shoalhaven Council, in relation to proposed works at Coalcliff Surfclub and Mollymook Beach.

Agenda Item 5 – Jimmys Beach Coastal Zone Management Plan

On 18 December 2015, the Chair received correspondence from Minister Stokes requesting the advice of the Panel, regarding the adequacy of the draft Coastal Zone Management Plan (CZMP) for Jimmys Beach (Great Lakes Council) and its suitability for certification under the *Coastal Protection Act 1979*.

Following a discussion and consideration of the matter, the Panel instructed MD to prepare a draft response to the Minister for circulation and finalisation by the Panel, encompassing the following elements:

- The documents relied upon to inform the Panel's advice include:
 - (i) Draft Jimmys Beach CZMP, dated May 2015;

- (ii) Technical Appendices including Hazard Maps (Appendix A, dated March 2015), Review of Management Options (Appendix B, dated March 2015), Consultation (Appendix C, dated May 2015) and Emergency Action Sub Plan (Appendix D, dated March 2015).
 - (iii) OEH Regional assessment of the CZMP against the minimum requirements of the *Coastal Protection Act 1979* and the Guidelines for Preparing Coastal Zone Management Plans (2013).
- Commends Great Lakes Council for the consideration of a number of issues contained in the plan, not just the issues of coastal erosion and for Council's extensive consultation that has undertaken to date in developing a CZMP for Jimmys Beach.
 - Commends Great Lakes Council for the development of its "preferred option" of an on-demand sand back-passing system, which the Panel is of the opinion represents both an innovative and realistic strategy for the management of Jimmys Beach in the short to medium term. Further, that Council recognises the need to consider and assess the management options that may be required in the medium to long term as circumstances change.
 - Irrespective of the above, **does not certify** the Jimmys Beach CZMP document as submitted. Although the Panel is in agreement with the "preferred option" as a sound short to medium term management option, the Panel notes the Plan fails to adopt this as its formal management strategy. The Panel recommends that the Minister requests that the Plan be resubmitted following formal adoption of the on-demand sand back-bypassing system, if this is Council's intended Plan.
 - Prior to re-submission of the Plan, instructs Council to modify their included diagram of proposed actions (Figure 11) so as to detail the full extent of the Plan, with all costing shown in the associated table. This is to include nourishment for the entirety of the village shorefront, the protection of the access road to the village, and the installation of the on-demand back-passing system from both the west (Winda Woopa) and east (Yacaaba) ends of the embayment.
 - In its re-submitted Plan, Council makes a clear formal commitment for the provision of funds for the Plan and in particular the on-going funding and maintenance of the on-demand system, recognising that while the initial installation may be eligible for grant funding, the funding of the on-going operation is a Council responsibility.
 - In its resubmission, Council updates the plan, given the significant developments that have taken place towards the implementation of an on-demand nourishment system and adopts a finalised version.
 - Notes the Panel is unaware of how much sand is available at Winda Woopa or Yacaaba to supply the on-demand system. The *Review of Management Options (Appendix B)* suggests a nourishment amount of 20,000 m³ of sand is required per year over an expected operational life of the system of 20 years. Therefore, over this timeframe a sand stockpile of 400,000 m³ would be required to service the nourishment of Jimmys Beach.
 - Notes that Jimmys Beach is considered to be a highly vulnerable location that will continue to come under threat from the impact of coastal processes. Although the on demand nourishment strategy represents a management option for the short to medium term, this is not indefinitely sustainable and in the medium to long term, and an alternative strategy for the management of this location will need to be developed as part of a future review of the Plan. This medium to long term strategy should consider the full range of options including strategies such as planned retreat. The need for this future work should be formally recognised by Council, along with a process of development of this medium to long term preferred strategy assisted by economic assessment tools such as a cost-benefit

analysis. In the interim Council also needs to ensure strict development controls are maintained, so they do not create further legacy issues.

Agenda Item 7 – Other Business

The Panel discussed the upcoming schedule for Ministerial advice to be provided in relation to forthcoming CZMPs requiring assessment.

Agenda Item 8 – Date for Next Meeting

The date for the next Panel meeting was set down for 29 January 2016. Prior to this meeting some members of the Panel will attend a site visit at Kingscliff on 21 January 2016 at the invitation of Tweed Shire Council.

The Meeting was closed at 1:00PM.