

<b>NSW Coastal Panel</b>	MEETING NUMBER: 8
	LOCATION: teleconference
	DATE: 12 March 2012
<b>MINUTES</b>	TIME: 11:00AM – 12:00PM

**Present**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Nominating Organisation</b>
Hon. Bob Debus	Chair
Mr Derek Rutherford	Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH)
Ms Yolande Stone	Department of Planning and Infrastructure (DP&I)
Prof Bruce Thom	Local Government and Shires Associations (LGSA)
Prof Andy Short	Local Government and Shires Associations
Ms Jane Lofthouse	Local Government and Shires Associations
Mr Craig Abbs	Department of Primary Industries (Crown Lands)
Ms Jane Gibbs	Office of Environment and Heritage – Coastal Panel Secretariat
Mr Marc Daley	Office of Environment and Heritage – Coastal Panel Secretariat
Mr Allan Young	Department of Planning and Infrastructure – observer

**Agenda Item 1 – Welcome and apologies**

The meeting opened at 11:00am.

Ms Lofthouse declared a non-pecuniary interest in matters relating to Kingscliff as she is an employee of Tweed Shire Council. Panel members agreed that Ms Lofthouse should continue to participate in discussions concerning Kingscliff.

**Agenda Item 2 – Confirmation of previous minutes**

Minutes will be circulated out of session for endorsement.

Professor Thom requested that minutes be finalised as soon as possible and placed on the public record. He also requested that the advice to the Minister for the Environment on Kingscliff be placed on the OEH website.

**Agenda Item 3 – Application from Tweed Shire Council – temporary protection works, Kingscliff**

The Secretariat advised that a further application from Tweed Shire Council has been received to extend the existing rock protection works in a northerly direction along the beach at Kingscliff. Panel members outlined continuing concern with Tweed Shire Council's actions at Kingscliff.

The Panel agreed to provide its considerations to Tweed Shire Council as follows:

“The NSW Coastal Panel recommends that Tweed Shire Council takes the following into consideration in relation to the proposed foreshore protection works at southern Kingscliff.

1. The Panel does not in principle support the use of rock on beaches for the purposes of temporary foreshore protection due to the potential impacts on public safety, beach amenity and environmental factors such as sediment transport and natural barriers.

2. The Panel is concerned that the proposed foreshore protection works do not represent a properly engineered and designed seawall and the integrity of the wall could be compromised during severe weather conditions, resulting in failure of the wall and/or rocks becoming displaced.

3. The Panel understands that Council's intent is that the proposed rock revetment wall is a temporary foreshore protection structure. In other cases along the NSW coast, Panel members are aware that rocks previously placed on beaches for temporary protection have not been removed and have continued to degrade beach amenity. The Panel recommends that Council's revised Coastal Zone Management Plan clearly identify how the works will transition from temporary to permanent, including how materials would be removed or reused.

4. Noting that Council has already granted a Part 5 approval for the proposed works under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, it is recommended that Council closely monitors the performance and impact of the works and outlines a contingency plan for any remedial action that may be necessary if the works fail or if any further or increased erosion is observed north of the Kingscliff Bowls Club, and the proposed timeframe for these actions.

5. That TSC continues to work with relevant agencies in relation to developing the longer-term more permanent foreshore management strategy.

6. The Panel reiterates its earlier advice concerning Council's consideration of the range of options for the future short and long term management of the beach at Kingscliff."

#### **Agenda Item 4 – Application from Wyong Shire Council, The Entrance**

The Secretariat outlined that an application had been received from Wyong Shire Council for works that had already been constructed. The Panel agreed to provide the following considerations to Wyong Shire Council:

"The NSW Coastal Panel recommends that Wyong Shire Council takes the following into consideration in relation to the constructed seawall at SPS B7 The Entrance.

1. Assessment of proposed future coastal protection works on the open coast or entrance to a coastal lake should be undertaken prior to the construction of the works as far as possible.

2. That Council give consideration to implementing the recommendations contained in the engineering advice provided by Worley Parsons, including the replacement of smaller sandstone rocks, laying of the sandstone blocks directly onto bedrock to prevent undermining, and sealing of the access road to prevent potential damage from overtopping. Consideration of appropriate stormwater drainage for the access ramp should also be put in place."

### **Agenda Item 5 – Future application from Lake Illawarra Authority**

Mr Abbs advised that an application may be forthcoming from the Lake Illawarra Authority following erosion within the entrance channel to the Lake. Advice is currently being sought from Cardno Pty Limited.

### **Agenda Item 6 – Other Business**

Mr Rutherford provided an update on the Coastal Taskforce which has been established to provide advice to the NSW Government on coastal issues.

Mr Rutherford invited Panel members to provide any input, especially relating to the role of the Panel, to the Secretariat out of session.

Ms Stone requested that OEH provide the Coastal Panel with information on the status of Coastal Zone Management Plans where ministerial directions have been issued.

**Meeting closed: 12:00pm.**