

NSW Coastal Panel	MEETING NUMBER: 14
	LOCATION: Gosford
	DATE: 17 October 2013
MINUTES	

Present

Name	Nominating Organisation
Mr Derek Rutherford	Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH), Deputy Chair and presiding as Acting Chair
Prof Bruce Thom	Local Government NSW (LGNSW)
Prof Andy Short	Local Government NSW (LGNSW)
Ms Jane Lofthouse	Local Government NSW (LGNSW)
Mr Stephen Murray	Department of Planning and Infrastructure (DP&I)
Mr Steve Lawson	Department of Trade and Investment (Crown Lands) – observer
Ms Jane Gibbs	Office of Environment and Heritage – Coastal Panel Secretariat
Dr Marc Daley	Office of Environment and Heritage – Coastal Panel Secretariat
Mr Phil Watson	Office of Environment and Heritage - Invited guest for item 3
Mr Neil Kelleher	Office of Environment and Heritage - Observer

The meeting opened at 10:45am

Agenda Item 1 - Introduction

The Chair welcomed Panel members.

Professor Thom asked whether there was an update on the minutes from the previous meeting. The secretariat advised these were circulated out of session and have been approved.

Professor Thom asked whether there was any information on a proposed seawall upgraded at Seven Mile Beach (Clarence Valley Council) and whether this information will be coming to the Panel. The Panel agreed to move this matter in Agenda Item 6 – Other Business.

Agenda Item 2 – Update on Membership

The secretariat gave the following updates on membership of the Coastal Panel:

- The Minister has recommended the appointment of Mr Angus Gordon as the new chair of the Coastal Panel.
- The Panel is awaiting the Local Government and Shires Association (LGNSW) to give their concurrence for the appointment of the new chair.
- A formal nomination has been received from Department of Trade and Investment (Crown Lands) to appoint Mr Stephen Wills as the (Crown Lands) Panel representative, and Mr Steven Lawson to be appointed as the deputy (Crown Lands) representative.

- There will be a transition in the OEH Panel representative from Derek Rutherford to Carolyn Davies (Director, Environmental Programs Branch). This transition is likely to take effect by December 2013.

The terms of a number of members of the NSW Coastal Panel expire on 31 January 2014. However, as the role of the NSW Coastal Panel will be subject to review as part of the Stage 2 coastal reforms, it is proposed that existing members be reappointed for a 12 month timeframe – that is until 31 January 2015.

Professor Thom advised that the LGNSW contact has also recently changed, and that the LGNSW would need to be consulted prior to the re-appointment of any Panel members.

Agenda Item 3 – Discussion of Umina Beach Development Application

An overview of the development application (CP13-001) was provided, including submissions received (to date) during public exhibition between 9 October 2013 and 23 October 2013. The application is available on the Coastal Panel's webpage.

Mr Phil Watson provided an outline of his review of the Cardno Coastal Engineering Assessment. Mr Watson noted that the proposed revetment appears to follow a relatively conservative and conventional design, although elements in the assessment involving particular design parameters were not clear and raised that clarification of these parameters should be sought from the applicant/Cardno.

Panel members raised a question concerning the land boundary, and whether there was confidence in where the boundary was drawn. It was agreed that this issue would be followed up out of session.

Discussion was also held about the potential impacts on the adjoining Crown reserve. It was agreed that clarification would be sought from the applicant about the impact of coastal processes and beach erosion and recession that the proposed wall may pose, including the potential impact of the proposed wall on beach amenity.

The Panel reviewed the (one) submission received to date, which outlined the general support for the proposed DA, but was seeking clarification on the line of the proposed wall and in particular the boundary/return of the wall, which appears to be constructed beyond the property boundary as indicated in drawing no 89024430-C001. The Panel agreed to applicant would need to provide further clarification on this matter.

It was noted that no correspondence had been received from Gosford City Council, and the Panel expressed interest in understanding the Council's position.

It was agreed that the Panel would request the applicant provide further information on the following:

- Detailed information on the coastal processes specific to the site and how the proposed structure may influence these processes;
- Clarification of key design parameters of the proposed shoreline protection works in the Coastal Engineering Assessment, including the design still water levels and wave height;
- Clarification on the boundary/return of the wall as depicted in drawing no 89024430-C001;
- Quantification of potential 'end effects' of the proposed structure on the adjoining Crown Reserve;

- How any 'end effects' will be addressed and managed by the proponent in the short and long term;
- If 'end effects' are experienced, how public safety will be managed by the proponent;
- Ongoing management and maintenance of the structure and restoration of the beach or land adjacent to the beach resulting from increased erosion by the presence of the works (under Section 55M of the *Coastal Protection Act 1979*). In the REF the applicant has acknowledged their responsibility for the ongoing maintenance of the wall, but has failed to acknowledge their responsibility for the restoration of the beach resulting from increased erosion attributable to the wall. This must be acknowledged in the REF.

The Panel agreed that the applicant would be asked to provide a timeframe within which further information could be provided within 21 days of the receipt of the letter requesting that advice.

Agenda Item 4 – Old Bar Verbal Update

The secretariat provided a verbal update in relation to Old Bar. This update included the work that Greater Taree City Council is undertaking with financial and technical assistance from OEH concerning development of an integrated coastal management strategy at Old Bar.

Agenda Item 5 – Date for Next Meeting

The secretariat advised the date for the next Panel meeting would be set down at a later date following the closing of the submission period and preparation of the Umina Beach Development Application Assessment Report.

Item 6 - Other Business

A verbal update was provided on a grant application received at Seven Mile Beach.

Mr Lawson advised that he had been approached by Aurecon to review a design for coastal protection works at Lake Cathie.

Meeting closed 12:00pm.

Following the meeting, the Panel undertook a site inspection at the site of the Umina development application.