

<b>NSW Coastal Panel</b>	MEETING NUMBER: 3
	LOCATION: teleconference
	DATE: 24 March 2011
<b>MINUTES</b>	

**Present:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Nominating Organisation</b>
Hon Bob Debus	Chair
Prof Bruce Thom	Local Government and Shires Association (LGSA)
Prof Andy Short	Local Government and Shires Association (from 1:30 pm)
Ms Jane Lofthouse	Local Government and Shires Association
Ms Yolande Stone	Department of Planning (DoP)
Mr Craig Abbs	Land and Property Management Authority (LPMA)
Mr Derek Rutherford	Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water (DECCW)
Mr Mike Sharpin	Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water – Coastal Panel Secretariat

The Chair opened the meeting at 1:05 pm.

<b>Item</b>	<b>Notes</b>
1	Apology from Andy Short, who advised that he would join the teleconference at around 1:30 pm.
2	<p>Agenda was confirmed.</p> <p>The following declarations of potential interest were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Bruce Thom provided advice to the (then) Minister relating to the planning and design of the Lake Illawarra entrance works in 2002</li> <li>○ Craig Abbs noted that the Lake Illawarra Authority is part of LPMA's Crown Lands business unit</li> </ul> <p>The Panel noted the above declarations and agreed that Bruce Thom and Craig Abbs should participate in the consideration of the relevant agenda items.</p>
3	Draft minutes from meeting of 18 February 2011 were agreed.
4	Actions arising from previous meetings were noted.
5	<p>The Panel:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. agreed to adopt the draft Development Application form</li> <li>2. agreed to adopt the Department of Planning's Political Donations Disclosure Statement for use with development applications to the Coastal Panel.</li> <li>3. agreed to develop short guidance (1 - 2 pages) for public authorities on seeking the Coastal Panel's advice under the Infrastructure SEPP. The guidance is to include appropriate consideration of coastal erosion impacts from proposed seawalls in REFs.</li> <li>4. noted that the Coastal Panel's website will be updated to include a public register of development applications</li> </ol>

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5. agreed that DECCW should follow up adoption of Coastal Panel recommendations with public authorities and advise the Panel of any significant implementation issues.

Action:

5.1 DECCW to develop guidance for public authorities for out-of-session approval by the Panel. Information on DECCW follow-up is to be included on the Panel's website.

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- 6 The Panel agreed to recommend that the Lake Illawarra Authority take the following into consideration in relation to the proposed Lake Illawarra Entrance Works – connection of northern revetment wall to northern breakwater:
1. That a suitably qualified and experienced coastal engineer be employed to design and oversee construction of the proposed structure, and ensure that coastal climate change impacts are given explicit consideration in the design.
  2. That revegetation of the mobile sand behind the proposed structure which is disturbed during the construction of the proposed revetment be undertaken to stabilise the landscape, using dune management techniques.

The Panel agreed that DECCW would meet with the LIA and inspect the site of the works to assess whether the small rock material in photos 5 and 6 of the REF had implications for the stability of the existing or the proposed works.

The Panel noted that consideration of Little Tern habitat issues was adequately addressed in the approval requirements for the current entrance works, including the current monitoring requirements.

Action

6.1 DECCW to meet with LIA and report back to the Panel any additional considerations for out-of-session review.

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- 7 The Panel agreed to recommend that Eurobodalla Shire Council take the following into consideration in relation to the proposed bank protection works at Tuross Heads:
1. that a suitably qualified and experienced coastal engineer should design and oversee construction of the proposed structure, with specific consideration to drainage and water management issues on the caravan park site in the vicinity of the proposed rock wall. Options other than rock protection works should be considered, particularly the use of geotextile sandbags, which may represent a lesser public safety risk and improve amenity.
  2. that a formal public access point (or points) should be provided to the beach (eg constructed steps) over the existing and/or the proposed protection works to provide safe public access and improve beach amenity.
  3. that bulldozing sand over the rocks when the estuary entrance is closed be considered to improve beach amenity, provided that public safety risks from partially buried rocks can be managed
  4. that binding ground cover immediately behind the wall be utilised to improve dune stability and amenity
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- 8 No meeting date was set, and it was agreed a future meeting date would be determined on an as-needs basis.
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Meeting closed: 2:20 pm