

NSW Coastal Panel	MEETING NUMBER: 29
	LOCATION: Teleconference
	DATE: 8 JUNE 2016
MINUTES	

Present

Name	Nominating Organisation
Dr Carolyn Davies (CD)	Office of Environment and Heritage (A/Chair)
Prof Bruce Thom (BT)	Local Government NSW (LGNSW)
Prof Andrew Short (AS)	Local Government NSW (LGNSW)
Ms Jane Lofthouse (JL)	Local Government NSW (LGNSW)
Mr Stephen Murray (SM)	Department of Planning and Environment
Mr Stephen Wills (SW)	Department of Primary Industries - Lands
Mr Phil Watson (PW)	Office of Environment and Heritage - Coastal Panel Secretariat

Agenda Item 1 – Welcome and Apologies

The A/Chair opened the meeting and welcomed Panel members.

A/Chair advised notification of resignation of Mr Angus Gordon (Chair).

Agenda Item 2 – Declaration of Interests

Nil.

Agenda Item 3 – Confirmation of Previous Panel Minutes

Outstanding Minutes to be circulated and confirmed out of session. All agreed.

Agenda Item 4 – Matters arising from Previous Meetings

Secretariat updated Panel about status of Arrawarra DA.

Agenda Item 5 – Invitation for Panel to discuss the draft Byron Bay CZMP with Council

Scheduling constraints did not permit NSW Coastal Panel members to meet Byron Council during the nominated public exhibition period for the Plan. Agreed that A/Chair would respond to Council invitation noting the Panel were likely to have the Plan referred by the Minister for advice prior to a decision on certification. If deemed necessary, the Panel would then arrange a meeting with Council to discuss or clarify issues raised.

Agenda Item 6 – Consideration of Lake Macquarie CZMP

Continuation of discussions from meeting 28 (14/15 April 2016).

Following a discussion and consideration of the matter, the Panel instructed PW 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) Lake Macquarie City Council correspondence to Minister concerning the CZMP (28 April 2015);
 - (ii) Lake Macquarie Coastal Zone Management Plan - Part A: For the Coastline (Final Draft, November 2015);
 - (iii) Lake Macquarie Coastal Zone Management Plan - Part B: For the Estuary (Final Draft, October 2015);
 - (iv) Lake Macquarie Coastal Zone Management Plan - Part C: For Swansea Channel (Final Draft, October 2015);
 - (v) Lake Macquarie Coastal Zone Management Plan - Part D: Four Year Action Plan 2015–2019; and
 - (vi) 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).
- Given the extensive nature of the furnished and supporting documentation, the Panel's advice has been focussed on the key integrating (or summary) document being the Four Year Action Plan 2015–2019, noting Council have already proactively commenced implementing elements of the Plan;
 - Although some elements of the Plan are now dated, (reflective of their development in 2014), the NSW Coastal Panel considers the draft Lake Macquarie CZMP is a comprehensive short-medium term strategic plan that integrates seamlessly into Council's Integrated Planning and Reporting framework, according with the direction of the State Government's Stage 2 Coastal Reform process;
 - Commend Lake Macquarie City Council for preparing such a comprehensive, practical CZMP that covers the whole of its open coastline, Swansea channel and Lake Macquarie estuary providing a straightforward approach to adaptively managing identified coastal hazards and risks into the future;
 - Commend Lake Macquarie City Council for diligently preparing the CZMP in consultation with the community and in partnership with OEH and other Government agencies with jurisdictional responsibilities for parcels of land that fall within the operation of the Plan;
 - Commend Lake Macquarie City Council for proactively implementing elements of the CZMP during a period of considerable reforms to the framework of CZM in NSW; and
 - Note that in the opinion of the Coastal Panel, the Lake Macquarie CZMP is suitable for certification in accordance with provisions of the Coastal Protection Act 1979, noting that the principal integrating mechanism (the 4 Year Action Plan) finishes in 2019 at which time the Plan will be reviewed and updated accordingly (as necessary).

Agenda Item 7 – Consideration of revised advice on Lake Cathie CZMP

On 23 May 2016, the Chair received correspondence from Minister Stokes requesting the advice of the Panel, regarding the adequacy of the amended Lake Cathie Coastal Zone Management Plan (CZMP) and its suitability for certification under the *Coastal Protection Act 1979*.

The Panel deemed it necessary to form a view on coastal engineering aspects of the revised CZMP. Following the recent resignation of Mr Gordon and the administrative process underway to fill Mr Gordon's position with an eminently qualified coastal engineer, the Panel agreed to defer consideration of advice on this CZMP until such processes had been completed.

Agenda Item 8 – Consideration of Bellingen CZMP

On 5 May 2016, the Chair received correspondence from Minister Stokes requesting the advice of the Panel, regarding the adequacy of the draft Bellingen Coastal Zone Management Plan (CZMP) and its suitability for certification under the *Coastal Protection Act 1979*.

Following a discussion and consideration of the matter, the Panel instructed PW 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) Bellingen Shire Council correspondence to Minister concerning the CZMP (18 April 2016);
 - (ii) Bellingen Coastal Zone Management Plan – Final Report (November 2014); and
 - (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).
- Commend Bellingen Shire Council for preparing a CZMP to preserve the undeveloped, natural and publicly owned coastal land in the Bellingen LGA as the basis for effective adaptation to address coastal hazards into the future. In particular, the Plan provides a good balance between necessary further studies and precinct planning for Hungry Head, Wenonah Head and Mylestom estuary foreshore, asset management, dune management, improvements to public access and a commitment to longer term monitoring;
- Commend Bellingen Shire Council for diligently preparing the CZMP in consultation with the community and in partnership with OEH and other Government agencies with jurisdictional responsibilities for parcels of land that fall within the operation of the Plan;
- Note that in the opinion of the Coastal Panel, the Bellingen CZMP is suitable for certification once it has been updated to incorporate advice from DPI Lands, and re-submitted; and
- Include advice to Bellingen Shire Council suggesting that OEH and DPI Lands are happy to work closely with Council to give effect to the above-mentioned necessary changes.

Agenda Item 9 – Other Business

A/Chair provided an update on the status of:

- Panel advice to the Minister;
- Coastal Management Bill 2016;
- Draft Coastal Management SEPP; and
- NSW Coastal Panel appointments.

Agenda Item 10 – Date for Next Meeting

Timing of next Panel meeting to be established out of session pending Member's availability.

The Meeting was closed at 11:30AM.