NSW Coastal Council Meeting – summary minutes

25 February 2020

Coastal Council members in attendance were:

- Professor Bruce Thom, Chair
- Ron Cox
- Will Glamore (by phone)
- Jane Lofthouse
- Annelise Tuor

Apologies: Kate Brooks and Angus Gordon.

Coastal Council’s first meeting for 2020 summarised activities undertaken following the completion of its 2019 work program and submission of three reports to the Minister Hancock in relation to a review of the implementation of the NSW Coastal Management Framework, development of a Greater Sydney Harbour Coastal Management Program and implementation of the Newcastle Coastal Zone Management Plan.

Information has been published on the Council’s review of the Newcastle (Stockton) CZMP, Minister’s response to the review and progress on the development of a Greater Sydney Harbour Coastal Management Program. Preliminary discussions have been held with Minister Hancock on Council’s recommendations from the coastal framework review and the Greater Sydney Harbour CMP.

Matters discussed by Council included:

1. Application of Coastal Vulnerability Area maps;
2. Review of the Coastal Management Manual in order to improve its communication; and

Council is developing advice to the Minister on each of the three issues.

Council continues to work closely with the Marine Estate Management Authority to ensure the best integration of Marine Estate Management Strategy (MEMS) initiatives with local government CMPs. Publication of MEMS information specifically tailored for local government assists this integration. Coordination of Council and MEMA activities is also facilitated via Dr Kate Brooks and Associate Professor William Glamore membership on MEMA’s Marine Estate Expert Knowledge Panel.

NEXT MEETING

Next Council meeting is scheduled for 28 April 2020.