

NSW Coastal Council Meeting 1 – summary minutes

26 June 2018

Professor Bruce Thom chaired the meeting. The Minister, Coastal Council members and advisors in attendance were:

- Minister for the Environment and Heritage, The Hon. Gabrielle Upton
 - Professor Bruce Thom, Chair, NSW Coastal Council
 - Kate Brooks, NSW Coastal Council
 - Ron Cox, NSW Coastal Council
 - William Glamore, NSW Coastal Council
 - Angus Gordon, NSW Coastal Council
 - Jane Lofthouse, NSW Coastal Council
 - Ministerial Advisor
- Apology: Annelise Tuor, NSW Coastal Council

FIRST MEETING OF THE COASTAL COUNCIL

The Chair welcomed the Minister and members of the Coastal Council to the first meeting of the Council as constituted under the *NSW Coastal Management Act 2016 (CMA)*. Under Schedule 2 (16) of this Act, the Minister may call the first meeting of the Council. The meeting provided the opportunity for the Minister to meet with Council members, discuss their role in providing independent advice to the Minister and performing other functions as specified in sections 25 and 26 of the Act.

ROLE AND EXPECTATIONS OF COASTAL COUNCIL

The Minister thanked members for agreeing to serve on the Council and their commitment to coastal management in NSW. The Minister indicated the Council was in a position to contribute in many ways given their knowledge of coastal matters and their ability to perform functions as specified in the Act. A summary of the key issues informing the Council's work program was presented to the Minister and discussed.

COASTAL MANAGEMENT ISSUES AND COUNCIL WORK PROGRAM

The Chair summarised the five key issues that members considered relevant to their role and work program:

1. How best to reconcile the projected increase in population and dwelling numbers as supplied by DPE (Department of Planning and Environment) with the need to minimise risk to natural hazards while at the same time meeting other objects of the Act.
2. How to ensure that local councils have the capacity to address requirements under the CMA, the Coastal SEPP and Coastal Manual.
3. There is a need to coordinate the activities of state agencies and local councils in the development and implementation of CMPs (coastal management programs).
4. Coastal Council has overlapping responsibilities in the management of the state's waters as defined in object (m) of the CMA with MEMA (Marine Estate Management Authority).

5. Coastal Council Members are aware of the urgent need to further develop both policy and technical advice to assist NSW Government through the Minister to address emerging as well as some outstanding coastal issues.

The Minister acknowledged and accepted the issues as the reference for the Council's work program. The Minister emphasised the need for the Council to assist other government agencies and local councils in preparing their Coastal Management Programs, including active support of regional cooperation between councils using the Joint Organisation model.

Minister Upton and Advisor departed the meeting

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Council members discussed matters relevant to the procedures and processes guiding the Council's operations, the Office Environment and Heritage resources available to support a work program and the appointment of a Council Secretary by July 2018.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Council is scheduled for August 2018.