

NSW Coastal Council Meeting 4 – summary minutes

26 October 2018

Professor Bruce Thom chaired the meeting. NSW Coastal Council members in attendance were:

- 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
- Annelise Tuor, NSW Coastal Council (left meeting at midday)

The Council discussed a number of matters at the meeting, including those summarised below.

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Engagement with stakeholders in state and local government, industry and the community has been a priority action for the Coastal Council. Promotion of the Coastal Council's role in NSW coastal reforms has been a focus. This has involved receiving feedback on issues of concern to local councils in coastal management. Since the September meeting, Coastal Council Chair and members met with senior officers from the Department Planning & Environment, Greater Sydney Commission and the Commonwealth National Resilience Taskforce to discuss a range of issues bearing on collaboration with local government in the preparation of Coastal Management Programs or CMPs. Coastal practitioners and community attending the NSW Coastal Reforms Forum in Sydney, hosted by the Coastal, Ocean and Port Engineering Panel and Engineers Australia, heard from a range of experts and Coastal Council members about dealing with the on-ground challenges of meeting the new legislation and developing CMPs.

Coastal Council is expanding its engagement over the coming months to include regional meetings with state agencies, local government, researchers, industry and the community. Information on the Coastal Council's activities and meetings is being uploaded to its web pages to assist with open and ongoing communication of coastal management reform.

COASTAL COUNCIL WORK PROGRAM

Local government capacity to prepare CMPs, transitioning existing certified Coastal Zone Management Plans (CZMPs) to CMPs, and coordination of the activities of state agencies and local government in the implementation of CMPs are important coastal management issues informing the work program. Coastal Council discussed the final list of CZMPs certified by 3 October 2018, potential for their transitioning to CMPs and how research/management initiatives under the Marine Estate Management Authority (MEMA) Strategy can support local government in such a transition to CMPs. Challenges for local government in the preparation of new Plans of Management consistent with the objectives of CMPs was discussed. In support of local government coastal management responsibilities, Coastal Council resolved to develop an evidence base of the status of CZMPs and CMPs and any issues preventing their implementation. A workshop with MEMA was also scheduled for November to expand understanding of the opportunities and timing for local government in engaging with the Authority to support their CMP activities.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Council is scheduled November 2018