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To whom it may concern,

**Re: Coastal Management Reforms 2016**

Please find attached our submission to the three documents relating to Coastal Management Reform released for public comment to date, namely:

- **The draft Coastal Management Bill**
- **An Explanation of Intended Effect for the Proposed New Coastal Management State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP)**
- **The draft Coastal Management Manual.**

Our response has been prepared with the assistance of a dedicated SCCG Coastal Reforms Advisory Committee including nominated delegates from all member councils. We have also sort input from additional technical, academic, governance and legal experts as well as consultations with other local governments outside our region.

**Please note** we have not been able to provide detailed input to the documents listed under Part C Coastal Management Toolkit, with the exception of some initial comments provided on the consultation cost-benefit analysis guide (see *Appendix 2*).

We note that critical information, including the draft text of the SEPP and the maps of the four proposed coastal management areas, has not been released at the time of public consultation. We have previously written to the Minister for Planning, the Hon. Dr. Rob Stokes MP, on this matter who has agreed to publicly exhibit the draft SEPP when it is available from the Department (pers comm at SCCG Full Group meeting 12 December 2015).

We further understand that draft maps of the four proposed coastal management areas will be provided to NSW local councils for comment prior to finalisation of public consultation. We therefore reserve the right to provide additional comments on the coastal management reforms when the draft SEPP and its associated maps and any additional information is released.

The SCCG formally request that responses to all our issues, concerns, opportunities and recommendations are considered and we seek specific feedback on all of these via a publically available "Submissions representations report.

If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact me directly on 9246 7791 or on email at [geoff@sydneycoastalcouncils.com.au](mailto:geoff@sydneycoastalcouncils.com.au)

Yours sincerely,

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