

NSW Biodiversity Conservation Advisory Panel (BCAP)

Held on: Tuesday, 18 February 2025, 8:30am – 12:00pm

At: Microsoft Teams

Chaired by: Dr Ian Cresswell – Chair, BCAP

Attendees

BCAP Members

Dr Ian Cresswell (Chair)
Mr Kerry Doss
Professor Michelle Leishman
Dr Ben Milligan
Professor Angela Moles
Dr Kate Wilson
Mr David Major
Professor Liz Cameron

Secretariat

Nicholas Cobb, *Director Nature Strategy*
Jane Lambert, *Senior Strategy & Governance Officer*
Karina Lozada, *Policy Officer, Nature Strategy*

Guests:

Alison Pepper, *A/Deputy Secretary Strategic Policy, Science and Engagement, NSW DCCEEW*
Sharon Molloy, *Executive Director Nature and Natural Capital Strategy, NSW DCCEEW*
Todd Maher, *Director Natural Resources Commission (Item 4)*
Ben Russell, *Associate Director Natural Resources Commission (Item 4)*
Bryony Horton, *Director Science Impact & Assessment, NSW DCCEEW (Item 5)*
Mark Littleboy, *Senior Team Leader Metrics and Forecasting, NSW DCCEEW (Item 5)*
Prue Roberson, *Principal Policy Officer, NSW DCCEEW (Item 6)*

Apologies

N/A

Agenda item discussion and actions

Item 1. Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country, actions and minutes from previous meeting

- The Chair acknowledged the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which the meeting took place, and paid respects to their elders past and present.

Item 2. Updates

- Representatives from the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) provided an update on changes to DCCEEW organisational structures and emerging Minister's priorities for 2025.

Item 3. Natural Resources Commission (NRC) Plan for Nature work

- Representatives from the NRC attended the meeting to provide an update on the four key pieces of work the Commission is supporting under the Plan for Nature:
 - Land Management Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting Framework
 - Policy options to strengthen management of protection of widespread Critically Endangered Ecological Communities (CEECs)
 - Policy options to improve outcomes for areas of non-woody vegetation and grasslands
 - Options to protect and restore biodiversity in regional landscapes and enhance values for landholders

Item 4. Biodiversity Indicator Program Strategic Review

- DCCEEW updated the panel on the strategic review of the NSW Biodiversity Indicator Program (BIP).

Item 5. Nature Strategy

- DCCEEW representatives and BCAP members discussed BCAP's feedback on the proposed approach to developing the NSW Nature Strategy. DCCEEW presented some additional materials to support further discussion and refinement of the proposed approach, on which BCAP agreed to provide some additional advice.