

Biodiversity Conservation Advisory Panel

To be held: Wednesday 6 August, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
At: Parkline working hub, 252 Pitt Street, Sydney NSW; or Microsoft Teams
Chaired by: Dr Ian Cresswell – *BCAP Chairperson*

Invited

BCAP Members

Dr Ian Cresswell (Chair)
Professor Michelle Leishman
Dr Ben Milligan
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*
Prue Robertson, *Principal Policy Officer, Nature Strategy Branch, NSW DCCEEW*
Todd Maher, *Director Natural Resources Commission (Item 3)*
Bryce Wilde, *Executive Director Natural Resources Commission (Item 3)*
Dr Tom Celebrezze, *Director Remote Sensing and Landscape Science, NSW DCCEEW (Item 4 & 5)*
Steven Cox, *Director Forestry Land Use & Marine Policy, NSW DCCEEW (Item 4 & 5)*
Steve Cox, *Team Leader Vegetation Monitoring and Reporting (NSW DCCEEW) (Item 4)*

Apologies

Professor Liz Cameron

Agenda items

Item 1. Meeting open and preliminaries

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

Item 2. Updates

- The Chair provided an update on BCAP recruitment.
- BCAP members provided an update on their individual work.
- DCCEEW provided an update on departmental changes.

Item 3. NRC update on Plan for Nature work

- Representatives from the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) attended the meeting to present on four key pieces of work being led by the NRC under the Plan for Nature.

Item 4. Release of the latest Statewide Landcover and Tree Study SLATS

- DCCEEW presented the new Statewide Landcover and Tree Study (SLATS) Dashboard and provided an overview of the 2023 SLATS report.

Item 5. Native Vegetation Regulatory map and mallee broombush critically endangered ecological community

- DCCEEW provided an update on Native Vegetation Regulatory (NVR) map which undergoes regular landholder-initiated reviews and is a regulatory tool that indicates where the *Land Management (Native Vegetation) Code 2018* applies.
- DCCEEW noted concerns have been raised about how the Mallee Broombrush Critically Endangered Ecological Community is represented on the NVR Map and is now working with LLS and impacted landholders to improve confidence and clarity in the NVR map.

Item 6. Nature Strategy update

- DCCEEW provided an update on the development of the Nature Strategy.

Item 7. Annual review of BCAP workplan

- BCAP and DCCEEW discussed updates to the BCAP workplan for 2025/2026.