

The Role of Enforcement


Challenges and Opportunities

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Agenda

- ▶ What are the issues?
- ▶ Challenges of Enforcement
- ▶ Opportunities
- ▶ Questions

Tidal Zone

Range of Enforcement Issues Arise




Dog Management

- Pollution
- Conflict with kids
- Owners defying the rules




Bait / Food Collection

- Cultural clash
- Lack of understanding of the rules
- Collect where they shouldn't / too much

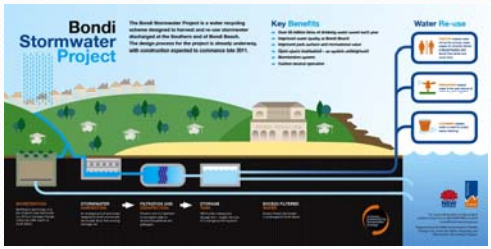


Misunderstanding of the Rules

- Where is the Aquatic Reserve / Intertidal Protected Area?
- Can I fish / collect / spearfish / walk my dog?




Littering
 2 million visitors each year
 Litter on beaches issue
 Smoking ban on all Waverley beaches




Stormwater Pollution
 Poor catchment data
 Time lag for water analysis
 Delayed response




Spearfishing
 Misunderstanding of the rules



Fishing / Bag Limits




Beach Safety
 Managing the risks to protect visitors / locals



Anti-Social Behaviour
 Illegal parties
 Alcohol consumption
 Violence

The Challenges....



- ▶ Lack of education – not knowing the rules
- ▶ Unclear delineation of responsibilities
- ▶ Too many cooks
 - NSW Police, NSW Fisheries, Rangers, Lifeguards, EPA, Office of Environment & Heritage, Residents, Visitors
- ▶ Managing anti-social behaviour

Opportunities

- ▶ Better education
 - Explaining the rules
 - Schools
 - Rate notices
 - Local media
- ▶ Signage
 - Need clear, integrated signage
 - Otherwise hard to enforce



Opportunities

- ▶ Better Partnerships
 - Clear delineation of responsibilities of IPA and AR for Council and NSW Fisheries
 - Training of Council rangers, lifeguards in legislation / Powers of Authorised Officers in tidal areas
 - Think of new ways to better communicate the rules
 - Community Engagement

Questions?