



SYDNEY COASTAL COUNCILS GROUP INC.
councils caring for the coastal and estuarine environment

Implementing the NSW Coastal Reforms in the SCCG

Monday 14 May

9.00am – 2.00pm

Background

The NSW Government has established a modern and integrated coastal management framework to better equip coastal communities to respond to existing and future coastal management challenges and opportunities. The new framework aims to have thriving and resilient coastal communities living and working on a healthy coast, now and into the future.

Local councils have a central role in managing the coast. They prepare a coastal management program (CMP) that sets out the long-term strategy for management of the coastal zone in its area.

A CMP identifies coastal management issues in the area, the actions required to address these issues, and how and when those actions will be implemented. Local councils also identify the costs of the actions, proposed cost-sharing arrangements and viable funding mechanisms to ensure delivery.

Once certified by the Minister, a local council implements the actions in a CMP through its strategic management systems and land-use planning instruments.

Elements of the reforms include:

- [Coastal Management Act 2016](#),
- [State Environmental Planning Policy \(Coastal Management\) 2018](#)
- [Coastal Management Manual](#)
- [Coastal Management Tool Kits](#)
- [Coastal and Estuary Grants Program](#)
- [NSW Coastal Council](#)

The NSW Government is providing \$83.6 million for coastal management over five years.

SCCG established a Coastal Reforms Advisory Committee to assist and advise in the preparation of SCCG submissions to the Coastal Reforms:

- [SCCG Submission on the Coastal Management State Environmental Planning Policy – January 2017](#)
- [SCCG Submission to NSW Coastal Management Reforms Stage 2 – February, 2016](#)

Aims and Objectives of the Workshop

Aims:

- Present the final elements of the NSW Coastal Reform package with a focus on implementation
- Workshop with SCCG representatives
 - i) Where are member councils now and what they need / could do locally
 - ii) Opportunities for regional activities to fulfil successful, timely and resource efficient implementation of CMP(s) in the SCCG

Objectives:

- Present reform elements
- Enhance awareness of key element components and 'opportunities' for member councils (Grants, s733 coverage, regional focus on coastal management, integration and collaboration, enhanced communication and collaboration / partnership with agencies).
- Workshop with councils regarding their local needs and regional opportunities for CMPs
- Provide networking opportunities for participants
- Document proceedings and provide outcomes for member councils. (presentations, advisory notes)
- Ensure SCCG is leading the coordination of coastal management practice in Sydney
- Continue to improve SCCG reputation as being timely, strategic and effective

AGENDA (DRAFT)

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Timing	Element
9.00 – 9.15	REGISTRATION
9:15 – 9.20	Welcome / Introductions / Background / Welcome to Country <i>Geoff Withycombe, Executive Officer, Sydney Coastal Councils Group</i>
Section 1: Legislation and Policy	
9.20 – 9.55	NSW Coastal Management Framework and Coastal Management Act, 2016 Emeritus Professor Bruce Thom AM – Chair, NSW Coastal Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key elements • Roles and responsibilities • NSW Coastal Council
9.55 – 10.25	Coastal Management SEPP and Coastal Zone Mapping Ms. Santina Camroux Principal Policy Officer (Environment) Department of Planning and the Environment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 coastal management areas and their development controls • Application in the Sydney area • Assessing development in these areas (assessment criteria/minimum requirements) • Amendments to maps via planning proposals • Approval pathway for coastal protection works
10.25 – 10.45	MORNING TEA
Section 2: Implementation	
10.45 – 11.20	NSW Coastal Management Manual and Toolkit Mr. Bruce Coates - Senior Team Leader (Coast, Estuary and Floods) Office of Environment and Heritage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of the Coastal Management Manual • Mandatory Requirements • Preparing a CMP - The 5-step process • Funding Package(s) and availability • OEH guidance and technical support (State and regional)
Section 3: What now – Workshops	
11.20- 12.20	Workshop 1 (Local) Where are Member Councils now and what they need / could do locally
12.20 – 1.20	Workshop 2 (Regional) Opportunities for regional activities to fulfil successful, timely and resource efficient implementation of CMP(s) in the SCCG
1.20 – 1.30	Wrap Up and Closing Sydney Coastal Councils Group
1.30 – 2.00pm	LUNCH

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