

NSW Coastal Management Framework

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The journey so far

Announced in 2014, the coastal reforms promised to deliver a modern, coherent coastal management framework that was responsive to current needs and future challenges.

The reforms were to:

- deliver new legislation
- minimize exposure to risk and liability
- allow communities to manage legacy issues and support local decision making
- establish a more sustainable funding approach
- enshrine public access to beaches
- provide for the protection and conservation of the coastal environment



Coastal management reforms

The reforms aimed to create a new management framework that would enable coastal councils and communities to:

- protect and enhance the social, economic and environmental values of the coast
- ensure ongoing use and enjoyment of our beaches and foreshores
- plan for and respond to current and future risk from coastal hazards and threats to coastal environments
- increase our resilience to an uncertain climate future

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A new coastal management framework

In 2016 the NSW Government announced \$83.6 million over five years towards the management of the NSW coast

A joint initiative of the Department of Planning and Environment and the Office of Environment and Heritage

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Coastal management framework

The new coastal management framework commenced in April 2018.

The new framework comprises:

- *Coastal Management Act 2016*
- Coastal Management SEPP
- NSW Coastal Council
- NSW Coastal Management Manual
- Coastal Management Programs
- Grants and technical assistant

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Coastal Management Act

Commenced on 3 April 2018

Replaces the old *Coastal Protection Act 1979*

Establishes a new strategic framework and clear objectives for managing coastal issues in NSW

Promotes strategic and integrated management, use and development of the coast for the social, cultural and economic wellbeing of the people of NSW

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Coastal Management Act

The objectives are wide-ranging and include to:

- protect and enhance natural coastal processes and coastal environmental values
- support the social and cultural values and maintain public access, amenity, and safety
- acknowledge Aboriginal peoples' spiritual, social, customary and economic use
- recognise the coastal zone as a vital economic zone
- facilitate ESD and promote sustainable land use planning
- mitigate current and future risks from coastal hazards and the effects of climate change

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Coastal Management Act

- recognise coastal processes, and the dynamic nature of the shoreline
- promote integrated and co-ordinated planning, management and reporting
- encourage plans to improve resilience to the impacts of climate change and storm events
- ensure co-ordination and integration of management activities
- support public participation
- facilitate the identification of land for acquisition to protect the environment
- support the objects of the *Marine Estate Management Act 2014*.



Coastal Management Act

Defines the coastal zone, comprising four coastal management areas:

- coastal wetlands and littoral rainforests
- coastal vulnerability
- coastal environment
- coastal use

Management objectives specific to each of these management areas are established by the CM Act



Coastal Management SEPP

The Coastal Management SEPP updates and consolidates into one integrated policy:

- SEPP 14 (Coastal Wetlands)
- SEPP 26 (Littoral Rainforests)
- SEPP 71 (Coastal Protection) and
- clause 5.5. of the Standard Instrument – Principal Local Environmental Plan.

Maps the coastal zone as a combination of the management areas

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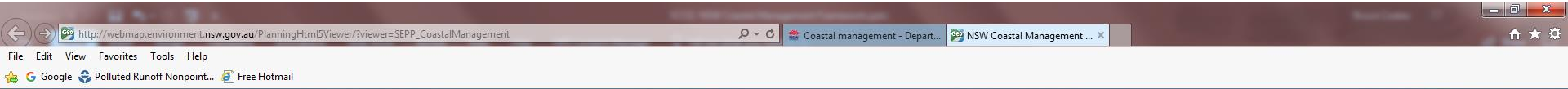
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Map interface showing the "Functions" layer selected in the "Layers" panel. The map displays various coastal management zones over an aerial satellite view of a coastal city area.

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Map features include a scale bar (0 to 1 km), a north arrow, and a "Tools" button in the top right corner.

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NSW Coastal Council

The NSW Coastal Council is appointed to provide advice to the Minister on coastal issues

The Council has the following functions:

- provides advice to the Minister relating to:
 - the Minister's functions under the Act
 - the compliance by local councils with the Act and the manual in preparing and reviewing CMPs, and
 - performance audits of local councils' CMPs
- advice to other public authorities on coastal management matters
- any other functions under the Act

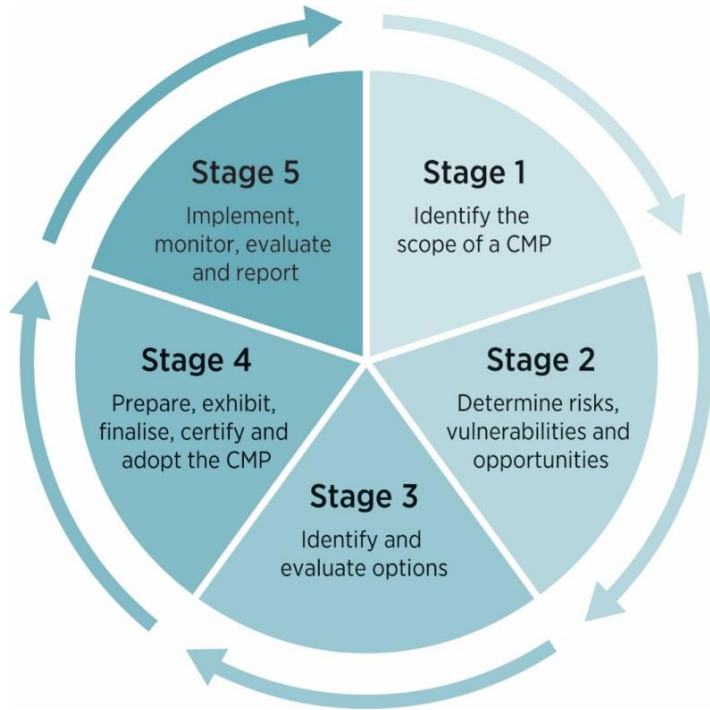


Coastal Management Manual

The manual provides guidance to local councils, public authorities and communities about how to implement the new coastal management framework

It outlines a step by step process for how to prepare a CMP and integrate coastal management with local councils' other strategic and land use planning processes

Adopts a five stage risk management process





Coastal Management Manual

Part A provides an introduction and mandatory requirements for a CMP

- the numbered paragraphs of Part A are mandatory requirements within the meaning of section 21(2) of the CM Act

Part B provides guidance for preparing and implementing a CMP

- 5 parts covering each stage in the risk management process

Additional guidance is also provided in a web based toolkit

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The manual provides guidance to assist local councils when preparing and implementing coastal management programs under the new coastal management framework.

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Coastal Management Program

The purpose of a coastal management program is to 'set the long-term strategy for the coordinated management of land within the coastal zone'

The focus of a program is to achieve the objectives of the *Coastal Management Act*

CMPs are prepared by local councils in consultation with their communities and relevant public authorities

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Coastal Management Program

A CMP may be developed for the whole, or any part, of the coastal zone

A CMP may consider:

- a range of timeframes and planning horizons
- a range of management issues, actions and funding mechanisms
- population growth and land use changes
- current and future risks to assets and threats to the environment (incl. climate change)
- any planned amendments to the mapping of coastal management areas

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Coastal Management Program

CMPs identify:

- key management issues
- actions to be implemented by council and other public authorities
- how and when actions will be implemented
- the costs and cost-sharing arrangements to enable implementation

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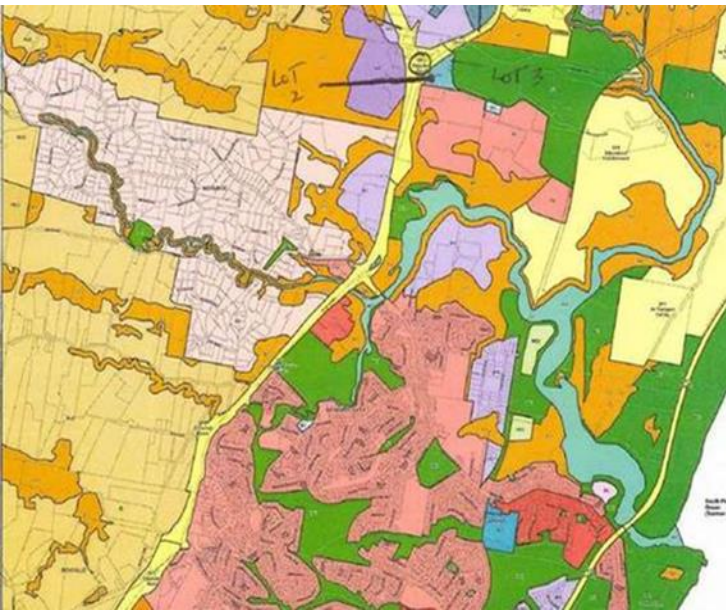
Coastal Management Program

Before adopting a CMP, a local council must consult with:

- the community
- other councils in shared estuary system or sediment compartment
- other public authorities (where required)
- a draft CMP must be exhibited for a minimum period of 28 days.

A CMP is then certified and published in the Gazette

Actions in a CMP are implemented through the Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) framework and land use planning system



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Coastal and Estuary Grants Program

Funding assistance is available to help councils to both prepare and implement CMPs

- **\$9.5 million for preparation of CMPs** to help councils to transition to the new arrangements, including additional technical studies.
- **\$63.2 million for implementation of CMPs**

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Coastal management

We support councils and communities in managing the open coast, estuaries and coastal lakes.



Coastal management framework

The NSW Government has a coastal management framework to help coastal communities.



Coastal management programs

Coastal management programs are prepared by councils in consultation with their communities.



Coastal management manual

The manual provides guidance to assist local councils preparing coastal management programs.



Coastal management toolkit

The coastal management toolkit has information and guidance for councils.



NSW Coastal Council

The NSW Coastal Council's role is to provide independent and expert advice on coastal issues to the Minister.

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