SYDNEY COASTAL COUNCILS GROUP Inc.



#### MINUTES OF THE FULL GROUP ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2019 HOSTED BY BAYSIDE COUNCIL

#### IN ATTENDANCE

Ms Judith Betts Cr Andrew Tsounis Cr Ian White Mr Peter Massey Cr Kathy Neilson Cr Michael Forshaw Cr Paula Masselos Cr Lynne Saville Cr Wendy Norton Cr Megan McEwin

Mr George Cotis Ms Wendy McMurdo

Ms Sarah Joyce Ms Kate Vitnell

#### **ITEM 1 - OPENING**

Bayside Council Bayside Council Northern Beaches Council North Sydney Council Randwick City Council Sutherland Shire Council Waverley Council Willoughby Council Willoughby Council Woollahra Council

Honorary Member Honorary Member SCCG (EO) SCCG (SO)

#### 1.1 OPENING AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Chair, Cr Lynne Saville opened the meeting at 12.30pm and welcomed delegates to the meeting at Bayside Council. Cr Andrew Tsounis provided an Acknowledgement of Country.

The Chair noted there was a quorum.

#### 1.2 APOLOGIES

Cr Colin Hesse Cr Lindsay Shurey Cr George Copeland Cr Candy Bingham Inner West Council Randwick Council Waverley Council Northern Beaches Council

Inner West was not represented. Apologies were received and noted.

#### 1.3 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Nil declarations were received.

#### **ITEM 2 - ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

#### 2.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Draft Minutes of the Full Group Meeting held on 27 July 2019 were confirmed.

The Minutes from the Executive Committee Meeting held on 27 September 2019 and the Technical Committee Meeting held on 15 August were received and noted.

#### 2.2 BUSINESS ARISING

The Executive Officer gave a progress report on the status of actions arising from the Full Group Meeting held on 27 July 2019, as shown in *Appendix A 2.2*.

At the last Full Group meeting, the EO requested a meeting with Minister Kean to seek a progress report on the Sydney Marine Parks Proposal. The EO noted that she met with Minister Kean's Chief of Staff on 16 September 2019 to convey the strong support of local Councils for the Sydney Marine Park. The Chief of Staff indicated that no timeframe is currently proposed for the Sydney Marine Park at this stage. It's apparent that matters such as drought and bushfire mitigation are a key priority for the Environment Ministers Office at this time.

#### 2.3 CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

Correspondence received between 13 July and 14 November was noted, as per Appendix A 2.3.

#### 2.4 FINANCE STATEMENTS

The quarterly finance statements for 1 July 2019 – 30 September 2019 provided in *Appendix A 2.4* were received and noted.

Cr Wendy Norton noted Willoughby Council CFO has provided comments on SCCG's quarterly finance statements. These comments are being considered by the EO who will provide feedback directly to Willoughby delegates.

#### 2.5 ANNUAL FINANCE STATEMENTS/AUDIT REPORT

The annual finance statements and audit report for the 2018/19 financial year were received and approved. They were provided in *Appendix A 2.5* of the business papers.

#### RESOLUTIONS

- R2a The draft Minutes of the Full Group Meeting of 27 July 2019 were confirmed.
- R2b Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on 27 September 2019 were received and noted.
- R2c Minutes of the Technical Committee Meeting held 15 August 2019 were received and noted.
- R2d Circulated correspondence were received and noted.
- R2e The Finance Statements for the Quarter 1July 30 September 2019 were received and noted.
- R2f The Annual Finance Statements and Approved Audit Report for 2018/2019 were received and noted. The Finance Statements and Audit Report for 2017/18 be received and adopted.

(White/Neilson) Carried

#### **ITEM 3 – Governance Matters**

#### 3.1 Annual Report 2018-2019

The SCCG Annual Report for the 2018/2019 Financial Year was presented to the AGM. The Chair, Lynne Saville, highlighted the key focus and activities for the Group in 2018-19 including advocating for better collaboration between Councils and the Marine Estate Management Authority, actions to improve integrated water management and water quality, and seeking new investment opportunities.

The Chair acknowledged the 30-year anniversary of SCCG and its role as a key driver of sustainable and integrated coastal and estuarine management for the Sydney region. The Chair congratulated Sarah Joyce for her work as EO of the Group and commended the efforts of the Secretariat in continuing to provide effective, efficient and well-directed services to members.

The EO provided an update on key achievements of the SCCG Secretariat including the commitment of quarterly meetings with state bodies such as, Sydney Water, TfNSW - Maritime, NSW Coastal Council and Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE, the development of a new SCCG web-site, capacity building for Council staff and Councillors, and the facilitation of the Greater Sydney Coastal Management Program (CMP).

This Greater Sydney Harbour CMP is being project managed by SCCG and is a collaboration with DPIE and the NSW Coastal Council. So far, three Steering Committee meetings and one Partners Group meetings have been held. The EO highlighted that although the Greater Sydney Harbour CMP may not directly impact all our member councils (six of the nine members), there will be significant learnings and deliverables that will benefit all members.

A snapshot from the SCCG Annual Report was presented noting eleven meetings have been held between SCCG and Ministers/MPs, including Minister for Energy and Environment's Chief of Staff and Minister for Local Government. The EO also highlighted the launch of the new SCCG website which can be utilised by council staff to receive updates on relevant resources, upcoming events and key governance documents including SCCG Annual Report, SCCG Strategic Plan 2019-2029, Prospectus and Newsletter. A link to SCCG's new web-site is provided <u>here</u>.

#### 3.2 Annual Member Survey Report 2018-19

The Executive Officer presented the Annual Member Survey Report. The Annual Member Survey is completed every year by council staff at all levels. Key trends were noted including 100% of respondents stating that they were satisfied with SCCG's performance in the previous 2018-19 year. Advocacy, peer to peer learning and information sharing as well as networking and relationship building were of most benefit to Councils. 100% of respondents believed SCCG is performing well at advocating on behalf of its members.

Research was recognised by Cr Paula Masselos as a core objective of SCCG that needs greater attention in 2020. The EO noted that due to staff constraints, desk-top research is the focus although SCCG has applied for several grants where partnerships with research institutes would be established.

The EO noted that she had recently met with Chair of the Sydney Institute of Marine Science who indicated a keen interest in collaborating with SCCG. SCCG recently collaborated with SIMS in the application of the Increasing Resilience and Climate Change Grant as well as researchers from UNSW, University of Sydney and DPIE (Fisheries). While the application as unsuccessful on the basis that it was considered too research based, the proposed project was recognised as 'unique and innovative'. The EO noted that grants for marine consideration are increasingly competitive due to priorities of funding projects which address urban heat, bushfire mitigation and drought.

The following comments were noted regarding how SCCG could better support member's needs in the future, with the EO providing brief comment on how this is aimed to be achieved -

Feedback received from Council	EO response
Continue to provide high level advocacy	SCCG will continue to advocate for member councils in established quarterly meetings with key agencies/submissions/external meetings with Ministers and MPs
Continued regular communications with councils	SCCG Secretariat is developing a Communication Strategy to improve communication with member councils
	Council staff at all levels are encouraged to contact the Secretariat directly to discuss any questions they may have
Develop larger network to increase information sharing	SCCG is briefing interested Councils to expand membership and meeting with key stakeholders and identifying itself as an important conduit of information
Improve governance for catchment wide CMPs	This is a key outcome of Greater Sydney Harbour CMP which SCCG is currently leading
Increased engagement with State government on programs and legislative implementation	Continued engagement with key state agencies formalised through quarterly meetings in 2020 and contacts established through the Greater Sydney Harbour CMP Steering Committee
Providing regular briefings to senior staff and Councillors on advantages of membership	EO will be offering member councils regular briefings to General Managers in 2020.
Develop succinct information on climate change impacts/effect on the cost	SCCG will continue to assist member Council obtain relevant information and collaborate on regional projects with state and commonwealth agencies and research institutions.

#### 3.3 SCCG Strategic Plan

The Executive Officer presented the SCCG Strategic Plan 2019-2029 to the AGM and sought its adoption. It was noted that the strategic plan had been developed in consultation with the Technical Committee, Executive Committee and Full Group over an eight-month period. The Executive Committee endorsed the strategic plan at its last meeting.

The EO explained that the six new goals contained in the Plan align with relevant legislation, policies and agreements including the *Coastal Management Act* and the Greater Sydney Commission District Plans. The alignment of these goals with other planning objectives provides a strong and tangible direction to deliver benefits to member councils.

The six new goals contained in the Strategic Plan 2019-2029 include:

- 1. People and places adapt to a change in climate and future shocks and stressors
- 2. Waterways are protected and healthier
- 3. Marine biodiversity is adequately protected in the bioregion
- 4. The SCCG region is comprised of sustainable, liveable cities
- 5. There is a collaborative, effective and consistent approach to coastal and estuarine management
- 6. SCCG is trusted and respected to make decisions that reflect the values of its members

#### 3.4 SCCG Prospectus – Investment Models

The EO noted that the Prospectus has been developed to promote SCCG potential membership. The Prospectus currently identifies the work SCCG undertakes, the governance structure, and key achievements.

However, investment models are being considered by the SCCG Secretariat as prospective member councils may only wish to participate in projects, they deem necessary as opposed to full membership where all services would be provided.

It was agreed that this item be deferred for discussion at the General Managers Forum being held on 2 December 2019. The outcomes will be reported at the next Full Group Meeting in March 2020.

The Executive Officer also led discussions on potential membership expansions noting that several prospective councils are being considered and approached.

#### 3.5 Financial Membership Contributions

The Chair sought endorsement for an increase in membership contributions for the financial year 2020/2021 to enable membership fees to continue to cover operation costs of SCCG. The Chair noted that SCCG are however in a much stronger financial position than 2018/2019 FY.

This item was deferred to the General Managers Forum and will therefore be considered at the Next Full Group Meeting in March 2020.

#### RESOLUTIONS

R3a The SCCG Annual Report 2018/2019 was received and noted

R3b The SCCG Annual Survey Report 2018/2019 was received and noted

R3c The SCCG Strategic Plan 2019-2029 was received and adopted

R3d The SCCG Prospectus was deferred to General Managers Forum. This item will be considered at the next Full Group Meeting in March 2020

R3e Item Deferred to General Managers Forum. With regard to the 2020/21 membership contributions, the following recommendation made to the Full Group was received and noted –

a) support the membership contributions remaining at 2019/20 level, pending the outcomes of the General Managers Forum on 2 December 2019

b) delegate authority to the Executive Committee to finalise membership contributions.

(White/Masselos) Carried

#### **ITEM 4 – ANNUAL ELECTIONS AND NOMINATIONS**

#### 4.1 ANNUAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

The Chair Cr Lynne Saville thanked the Full Group delegates and those incumbents on the Executive Committee for their contributions to the SCCG. Incumbent Chair, Lynne Saville, identified

the positions to be elected for the Executive Committee and called for nominations. The outcomes identified below.

#### i) Election of Chairperson

Cr Saville nominated Cr Lindsay Shurey (Randwick Council) for the position of Chairperson, seconded by Cr Neilson. Despite her absence, Cr Shurey was elected as Chair.

#### ii) Election of Vice Chairperson (Estuarine and Ocean)

Cr Ian White (Northern Beaches Council) was elected as Vice Chairperson (Ocean) and Cr Lynne Saville (Willoughby Council) was elected as Vice Chairperson (Estuarine).

#### iii) Treasurer

Cr Kathy Neilson nominated Cr Paula Masselos of Treasure, seconded by Cr Megan McEwin. Cr Masselos accepted and was elected as Treasurer.

#### iv) Secretary

Cr Wendy Norton nominated Cr Andrew Tsounis (Bayside Council) seconded by Cr Lynne Saville. Cr Tsounis accepted and was elected as Treasurer.

#### v) Members of the Executive Committee

Cr Michael Forshaw (Sutherland Shire Council), Peter Massey (North Sydney Council) and Cr Colin Hesse (Inner West Council) were nominated by Cr Lynne Saville, seconded by Cr Neilson. All three delegates accepted the position as Member.

#### 4.2 ANNUAL HONORARY MEMBER NOMINATONS

It was recommended that the existing Honorary Members be renominated for membership for 2019/20 including Mr George Cotis and Ms Wendy McMurdo.

It was identified that additional Honorary Members may be appropriate, and any nominations will be considered by the Executive Committee at its next meeting.

#### RESOLUTIONS

R4a Executive Committee Membership for 2019-20 as per nominations be as follows:

Chairperson: Cr Lindsay Shurey (Randwick Council) Vice Chairperson (Ocean): Cr Ian White (Northern Beaches Council) Vice Chairperson (Estuarine): Cr Lynne Saville (Willoughby Council) Treasurer: Cr Paula Masselos (Waverley Council) Secretary: Cr Andrew Tsounis (Bayside Council) Member: Cr Michael Forshaw (Sutherland Shire Council Mr Peter Massey (North Sydney Council) Cr Colin Hesse (Inner West Council)

R4b Mr George Cotis and Ms Wendy McMurdo be nominated as Honorary Members for 2019/20.

(Norton/Masselos) Carried

#### **ITEM 5 – Guest Presentation**

The Chair introduced Prof. Bruce Thom who is currently the Chair of the NSW Coastal Council, Chair of the Greater Sydney Harbour CMP and previously was Honorary Member of the SCCG. It was noted that

Prof. Thom noted that his action in stepping down as Honorary Member was due to the possible conflict of interest.

Prof. Thom presented on the development of the Coastal Management Framework, which was introduced by the NSW Government 18 months ago. The NSW Coastal Council has a continual role in reviewing progress in the implementation of this framework, and as a result, this framework continues to evolve. A copy of Prof. Bruce Thom's presentation is provided as *Attachment A*.

Key aspects of his presentation were:

- Background to the development of the coastal reforms.
  - Minister Stokes' vision for the coastal framework was to ensure the State had a role in coastal management, previously contained to local government. He recognised the discernible role of State Government as much of the State is occupied by National Park and Crown Lands.
  - Local governments struggled to engage and collaborate with State agencies who had an integral part in the management of the area and the development of Coastal Zone Management Plans (CZMPs). CZMPs were commonly refused due to a lack of collaboration with state agencies.
- The reforms created four key instruments which make up the coast management framework, including:
  - 1. Coastal Management Act 2016
  - 2. Coastal Management SEPP
  - 3. Coastal Management Manual
  - 4. Coastal Management Council
- Intergovernmental collaboration in the evolving 'machinery of government', creation of departmental clusters such as DPIE (Department Planning, Industry and Environment) a sector overseen by five Ministers, and the development of the
- Other key stakeholders in coastal management includes the Marine Estate Management Authority, Transport for NSW (Maritime) particularly for Sydney Harbour and Premier and Cabinet Office which is tasked with management of the Heritage Sector and Greater Sydney Commission
- Tasks of the NSW Coastal Council are:
  - 1. Review of NSW Coastal Management Framework Implementation
  - 2. Involvement of NSW Coastal Council members in specific projects
  - 3. Review of the Newcastle certified Coastal Zone Management Plan (CZMP)
- **Review of implementation**. NSW Coastal Council's state-wide survey received feedback from 55 participating councils and state agencies. Outcomes of survey currently being considered by NSW Government
- Sea level rise benchmarks. Inconsistency in sea level rise benchmarks as State benchmarks had previously been withdrawn and Councils required to develop their own. This created a significant issue for management particularly where multiple councils were concerned with one single water body. Minister Hancock recently released these documents and can be found <u>here</u>.

### Commitment of State Agencies to the CMP planning process and to specific actions central to program implementation

As noted previously, local councils found it difficult to engage with state agencies when developing CZMPs, despite vital actions needing to be completed collaboratively. These same actions are crucial within the delivery of CMPs however it's believed that the Greater Sydney Harbour CMP will create learnings through the engagement of key State Agencies that will assist local councils in developing CMPs the future.

#### Involvement of Coastal Council Members in specific projects

The appointment by Minister Hancock as Chair of the Greater Sydney Harbour CMP Steering Committee was the result of the significant collaboration that the Coastal Council had knowledge of coordinating. In particular, the role of Parramatta River Catchment Group, Sydney Water, Local Land Services and Greater Sydney Commission which have a substantive role in the delivery of on ground actions arising from the CMP. BT thanked Sarah Joyce, EO of SCCG for her work in facilitating Phase A of the Program.

#### Review of the implementation of the Newcastle certified Coastal Zone Management Plan

NSW Coastal Council will provide a summary of implementation findings early December.

Prof. Thom also then took questions from the Full Group delegates. Cr McEwin raised the issue of Woollahra Council ageing infrastructure resulting in frequent sewer overflows. BT noted that healthy waterways is a key aspect of the Greater Sydney Harbour CMP that will require engagement and development of MoUs with state agencies including Sydney Water.

Cr Paula Masselos sought advice on acquiring insurance or State Government support for extreme weather events. Cr Masselos noted that Waverley Council was unable to receive financial support for a recent East Coast Low which caused substantial damage to Waverley LGA. In the context of Climate Change, this will cause an increased financial burden on local councils unless financial support is provided by State Government or through insurance which is currently unable to be obtained.

#### Actions

SCCG Secretariat to draft letter to Minister Hancock noting the following issues of concern;

a. Lack of support for Yarra Bay Port for reasons of cultural sensitivity and negative impact on ecology and hydro morphology

> (Neilson/Tsounis) Carried

#### ITEM 6 MEMBER COUNCILS ROUNDTABLE

Due to time constraints, there was not an opportunity for delegates to provide an update from their Councils. The following is a summary of information provided from delegates in writing.

#### Randwick:

- Randwick Council recently launched a public education campaign on stormwater pollution titled 'Beach Pollution Ends Here'. The education campaign was one of several recommendations that the Coogee Beach Water Quality Workshop Group developed to address beach water quality. A link to the project website is provided here.
- As part of the campaign, several videos were developed which can be found here:

**Beach Pollution Cinema Advertisement** 

How Gross Pollutant Traps keep 300 tonnes of rubbish from our beaches each year

How Stormwater can be recycled

How Randwick Council cleans our streets and beaches

Northern Beaches:

#### Coast and catchments

- Completion of first section of Collaroy-Narrabeen coastal protection works at Collaroy Beach car park.
- Commenced joint Hawkesbury River System Coastal Management Program Scoping Study and received two grants for the Northern Beaches Coastal Management Program Scoping Study and Northern Beaches Coastal Zone Emergency Disaster Sub-Plan.
- Engaged consultants to review Council's creek riparian controls and develop a stormwater strategy based on DPIE risk-based framework
- Completed Narrabeen Lagoon minor entrance works
- Completed Manly Lagoon entrance temporary bank stabilisation works and sand scraping
- Completed options report and costings for water and wastewater infrastructureon Scotland Island

#### Stormwater and Floodplain Management

- Preparing a strategy for the long term management of Narrabeen Lagoon entrance.
- Developing a design of a gross pollutant trap and renewal of the existing stormwater outlet at North Steyne, Manly. The proposed works will reduce pollution from the existing stormwater network to the high value recreation and environmental sites.
- Upgrade the existing stormwater outlet at Fairy Bower ocean pool, Manly to improve safety and amenity.

#### **Greener Communities**

 Ocean Festival – themed *"life below the water"* with events across the LGA from 24<sup>th</sup> November culminating with Ocean Day ay Manly on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2019.

#### Environment Resilience and Climate Change

- Undertook public exhibition of the Draft *Environment & Climate Change Strategy: Protect, Create, Live.*
- Held the first meeting of the Urban Night Sky Place Project Working Group which will investigate works required to recognise Palm Beach Headland as a potential Urban Night Sky Place, which promotes an authentic night time experience in the midst of significant artificial light.
- Undertaking an EOI process to partner with an Electric Vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure provider to support EV uptake in the LGA.
- Installed irrigation water sourcing controls at three high using sites (Careel Bay Playing Fields, North Narrabeen Reserve and Pittwater Rugby Park).
- Received a grant from Local Government NSW to develop a Climate Resilience Design Guide. This guide will complement Practice Note 12.1 Climate Change Impacts on the Useful Life of Infrastructure

#### Willoughby Council

- The Willoughby council water plan 2018-2024 is an operational document regularly updated to ensure the works programme is delivered. It sets four categories, the framework for the activities programme: Water Efficiency: water Harvesting: Waterway Health and Asset Management. There are 86 projects listed, 38 completed.
- WCC has been liaising with other Councils to discuss best approaches to maintain water harvest sites. Generally, water harvest has been under resourced, and the cost of maintenance is higher than expected. WCC will focus on expanding activity at its centralised harvest sites, Artarmon Reserve, the Concourse and extend the harvest network by installing pipes to carry water to areas of demand. WCC had identified that the cost of laying pipe is less than the construction of new sites and avoids costly specialised asset maintenance. The expansion projects are in different stages of design, construction through to completion.

Other stormwater harvest has been identified. During installation of GPT at Warners Park, a pump was included to facilitate future harvest of water. Delivery planned for 20/21.

- WCC updated the Harvested Water Quality Risk Matrix in September 19. The matrix is based upon multiple sources primarily 'Australian Guidelines for Water Recycling: Stormwater Harvesting and Re-use' (2009) and 'Guidelines for Environmental Management Use of Reclaimed Water' (2003). The matrix was shared with NSW Health in 2019. The matrix serves to identify risks prior to construction and ongoing operational risks. Council had developed an accompanying maintenance schedule to ensure control methods in place are continually reviewed to reduce risk.
- The Concourse stormwater tank has a capacity of 5ML. 1ML is required as base volume in the tank, with a further 1ML available for water harvesting. This leaves a remaining 3ML airspace available to reduce effects of flooding during storm to provide greater flood protection downstream. The stormwater is not currently being reused due to risk of contamination. WCC undertook a preliminary audit with an engineering consultancy in Nov. 2019. A projects and Capital works bid has been submitted for 20/21. Council continues to liaise with other Councils.

Bayside, North Sydney, Inner West, Waverley, Woollahra and Sutherland Shire Council did not provide an update.

#### **ITEM 7 - QUARTERLY ACTIVITIES REPORT**

#### Item taken as read.

#### **ITEM 8 GENERAL BUSINESS**

#### 8.1 Ocean Lovers Festival

The Executive Officer will be presenting on SCCG's work related to protecting our coast at the Ocean Lovers Festival in March 2020.

#### 8.2 Proposed Meeting Dates

The following meeting dates were accepted

Saturday 28 March 2020 Saturday 25 July 2020 (SCCG Councillors Forum) Saturday 14 November 2020 (AGM)

Sutherland Shire Council will host the next Full Group Meeting to be held on 28 March 2020 and Woollahra to host the Councillors Forum in July.

#### 8.3 Agenda Items for Next Meeting

The following topics for potential guest speakers at the next meeting were suggested: Sydney Water to present on responsibility of Local Council to manage sewer outfalls and the Eastern City Regional Masterplan; Crown Lands to present on transfer of land to Local Council.

Further suggestions should be forwarded to the Chair via the Executive Officer at least 4 weeks prior to the meetings.

Cr Saville thanked all delegates for their attendance and contributions in 2019 and wished all a safe and Merry Christmas.

#### RESOLUTIONS

R8a Proposed meetings dates for 2020 were accepted.

(Saville/Neilson) Carried

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#### 9 EXTERNAL REPORTS

#### 9.1 Beachwatch Program Report

Item taken as read.

#### 9.2 Greater Sydney Local Land Service Update

Item taken as read.

The meeting closed at 4.30pm

Confirmation of Minutes:

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Attachment A



# NSW Coastal Council Update Professor Bruce Thom AM Chair, NSW Coastal Council



Sydney Coastal Councils Group AGM 30 November 2019



Planning Act Compliance

Grants

### Mapping coastal management responsibilities

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## Coastal Council Work Program 2019

- 1. Review the implementation of the NSW Coastal Management Framework
- Involvement of Coastal Council members in specific projects Chair of Coastal Council to chair Greater Sydney Harbour CMP Steering Committee
- 3. Review the implementation of the Newcastle certified Coastal Zone Management Plan (CZMP) - Stockton



# Minister's request for advice

Task 1: Review the implementation of the NSW Coastal Management Framework

**Aim:** To understand and assess how well the coastal management framework has been applied and implemented over the past 15 months and make any recommendations for improvement.

### Advice sought:

- 1. What aspects of the new coastal management framework is working well?
- 2. Is the framework clear to councils? If not, which aspects of the framework are unclear to councils {and other public authorities) and what are the areas where further work/capacity building is required?
- 3. Are there specific challenges that impede successful implementation of the new framework and how might they be addressed?
- 4. Are there any policy settings or operational parameters that the Government might consider which could augment the coastal management framework commenced on 3 April 2018?
- 5. What additional support could be put in place to facilitate appropriate uptake by Councils in preparing a Coastal Management Program?



### **Coastal Council Survey 2019**



Attachment A



## Coastal Council Survey 2019

Responses to the survey identify at least **three main themes** related to the framework:

- 1. Local government are looking for **clear and consistent guidance** on the preparation of CMPs.
- 2. **Commitment of state agencies** to the CMP planning process and to specific actions central to program implementation, including required state government resources and funds, is critical.
- 3. State government can make a significant contribution to the framework implementation by **clearing or addressing regulatory hurdles** confronted by local government for their existing Coastal Zone Management Plans (CZMPs) and new CMPs.



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