



## Central Coast Council

### Catchments to Coast Committee Meeting

Held Remotely – Online and in the Lighthouse Meeting Room,  
2 Hely Street, Wyong

13 December 2023

## MINUTES

### Attendance

#### Members

Michael Alsop  
Michael Campbell  
Ian Carruthers  
Doug Darlington  
Graham Hankin  
Andrew Jones  
Michael Kilp  
Marlene Pennings  
Adrian Williams  
Samantha Willis

#### Status

Absent  
Present (online)  
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Present (in person)  
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Absent  
Present (online)  
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Present (online)

#### Coastal Open Space System Members (Item 2.1 only)

John Andrews  
Gary Chestnut  
Barbara Wills  
Paul Links  
Doug Williamson

#### Status

Present (online)  
Present (online)  
Present (online)  
Present (online)  
Present (online)

#### External Agencies

Chris Drummond, NSW Department of Planning and Environment  
Troy Gaston, University of Newcastle  
Stephanie Lyons, NSW Department of Planning and Environment

#### Status

Present – Online  
Absent  
Present - Online

#### Staff

Luke Sulkowski, Unit Manager Environmental Management  
Ben Fullagar, Section Manager Catchments to Coast  
James Lawson, Section Manager Environmental Infrastructure  
Peter Sheath, Section Manager Bushfire and Flood Risk Management  
Jamie Barclay, Unit Manager Economic Development and Property  
Rochelle Lawson, Senior Ecologist Conservation Management Lead  
Larry Melican, Section Manager Natural Assets and Biodiversity  
Lisa Martin, Civic Support Officer

#### Status

Present (in person)  
Present (online)  
Present (in person)  
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## **PROCEDURAL ITEMS**

### **1.1 Introduction: Welcome, Acknowledgement of Country, Apologies, Disclosure of Interest**

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The Chairperson, Luke Sulkowski, declared the meeting open at 2:03pm.

The Chair read an Acknowledgement of Country statement.

Apologies received and members absent without apology were noted.

The Chair welcomed members of the Coastal Open Space System (COSS) Committee attending the meeting for the purposes of Item 2.1 – Update on Draft Central Coast Airport Masterplan. It was noted that the COSS Committee members will only remain present for Item 2.1.

Luke Sulkowski and Ben Fullagar both declared a significant non pecuniary interest in the Wamberal Seawall project and will step out of the meeting when this item is discussed in General Business.

The Chairperson called for any disclosures of interest. No disclosures were received.

### **1.2 Previous business: Confirmation of minutes, review action log**

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The committee confirmed the minutes from the previous meeting as noted below, which were distributed to members via email and uploaded to Council's website:

[Catchments to Coast Advisory Committee Minutes - 13 September 2023](#)

The outstanding action item log was reviewed and updated.

## **REPORTS**

### **2.1 Update on Draft Central Coast Airport Masterplan**

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Jamie Barclay presented the Draft Central Coast Airport Masterplan to the committee.

The Masterplan is open for consultation starting Thursday 14 December 2023 through until mid-February 2024, as resolved at Council Meeting on 12 December 2023, and can be viewed on Council's Your Voice Our Coast webpage.

The Masterplan details the development of land surrounding the Central Coast Airport at Warnervale and presents the Central Coast with a new economic sector that will stimulate employment and economic activity. Under the proposal, Council intends to confirm those areas of Porters Creek Wetland that can be established as a stewardship site. As a stewardship site, the biodiversity values of Porters Creek Wetland will be protected in perpetuity.

The Masterplan will be reported back to Council in the second quarter of 2024 with the hope of having a draft mid-2024 with a commercial analysis based on the feedback supplied.

It was noted that members from the Coastal Open Space System committee asked several questions and will be reviewing the Masterplan with a view to providing a submission.

The Chairperson thanked the Coastal Open Space System committee for their attendance and members departed the meeting.

### **2.2 Update on Coastal Management (Standard Item)**

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Ben Fullagar presented the Coastal & Estuary management update.

Open Coast Coastal Management Program (CMP) – Target to complete stage 3 & 4 to lodge certification with the NSW Minister of Environment.

Coastal Lagoons CMP – Target to complete stage 3 & 4 by June 2025.

Tuggerah Lakes CMP – Target to complete stage 3 & 4 by June 2025.

Hawkesbury Nepean (inc. Brisbane Water) CMP – Target to complete stage 3 & 4 by June 2025.

#### **Wamberal Beach terminal protection development application**

It was noted that Council is still working with landowners as co-applicants to lodge a Development Application for coastal protection works.

### **Sewer network Remediation Update**

- 114km sewer pipes inspected, 42.7km remaining to be upgraded

### **Long Jetty drain LJ19**

- Water samples taken by Council's Environment and Public Health Section for detailed analysis with a further re-test being undertaken this month
- Next steps for remediation will be dependent on the results of the water sampling, and a further update will be provided on progress to the Long Jetty WaterWatch group from Council's Compliance team. It was also noted that a potential source of pollution from a decommissioned diesel pump required further investigation from Council's Compliance team

New Action Item – That water sampling results in relation to Long Jetty drain LJ19 be forwarded to the Long Jetty WaterWatch group, and that the potential source of pollution from a decommissioned diesel pump be further investigated by Council's Compliance team.

### **Ettalong Dredging Update**

Recent dredging campaign has been completed by Transport for NSW Marine Infrastructure Delivery Office.

***That the Committee note the report.***

## **2.3 Update on Coastal & Catchment Operations (Standard Item)**

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James Lawson presented the update on Coastal & Catchment Operations.

Wrack collection in line with target for collection this financial year.

It was noted that beach cleaning and maintenance will continue over the Christmas and New Year period.

Council applied and received grant of \$236k under the NSW Government Recovery Grant for works as part of the Sandstone Log Wall Rectification Project at Canton beach which will commence in February 2024. It was noted that a sign has been erected to advise residents.

In a response to a question, it was noted that there was no consideration at the moment for shortening the length of the beach.

In response to a question, it was advised that there was no incursion of the 'fish nursery' which is to the south of the vegetation.

### **Resolved**

***That the Committee note the report.***

## **2.4 Update on Flood & Stormwater Management (Standard Item)**

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Peter Sheath presented the update on Flood & Stormwater Management

### **Sea Level Rise Policy, Flood Policy and DCP**

- The LEP was updated on 24 November 2023, therefore must now be complied to, which includes the implementation of new Clause 5.22 which replaces Clause 5.21 which affects land uses and types of buildings that can be built e.g. hospitals/schools/respite day care/senior housing

### **Probable Shelter in Place Guideline**

- Currently in the works and expected to be finalised in 2024.

### **Accounting for Climate Change – increases in rainfall intensity**

- Review is currently underway regarding the increase in rainfall and how it would affect the local area in regards to flooding.
- Evacuation requirements will need to be considered.
- Isolated properties/areas will need consideration for access.

Provided an update on current projects.

### **Resolved**

***The Committee note the report.***

## **2.5 General Business**

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### **The Entrance Channel**

Graham Hankin questioned whether there is an update on the Entrance Channel.

Luke Sulkowski advised there is an inspection planned for Committee members at The Entrance Channel in early February 2024 to look at a number items including management of Little Terns and channel conditions.

New Action Item – That Catchment to Coast Committee members be invited to an on-site inspection of The Entrance channel in February 2024.

**Wamberal Beach Terminal Protection**

Luke Sulkowski declared a significant non pecuniary interest in the Wamberal Beach Terminal Protection project and stepped out of the meeting when this item was discussed in General Business. Ben Fullagar had already left the meeting. James Lawson chaired this item.

Graham Hankin advised that Terrigal and Wamberal residents have forwarded their concerns about flooding regarding the seawall infrastructure to himself.

It was noted that a Development Application had not been lodged and further updates would be provided at the next meeting.

New Action Item – That an update be provided at the next Catchment to Coast Committee meeting on the Wamberal Beach Terminal Protection project.

**The Meeting** concluded at 4:19pm.

Action Number	Meeting Date	Action	Responsible Party	Action Update	Status
8	22/09/2021	Updates about Airport Masterplan and related matters to be communicated to members as part of ongoing consultation.	Unit Manager Economic Development and Property	<p>Response from Unit Manager Economic Development and Property emailed to members 14 February 2022</p> <p>10/05/2022: PS – a verbal update will be provided at the next committee meeting. Any further updates can be directed to the EPD section (via the AG)</p> <p>29/3 – No further update on this item.</p> <p>10/08: Update to be provided during the Action Log item at the next meeting.</p> <p>13/9 – Request the attendance of Unit Manager ED&amp;P to present to the Committee.</p> <p>13/12 – Update on the Airport Master Plan provided to committee members.</p> <p>13/12 – C2C &amp; COSS Committee members were provided with power point presentation</p>	<p>Pending</p> <p>13/12/23 - Complete</p>
13	8/12/2021	Staff to get advice from Water and Sewer about works in Avoca Lagoon and report back to members when appropriate.	Section Manager Catchments to Coast	<p>Update to be provided at 2 March 2022 meeting 10/05/2022: BF – a verbal update will be provided at the next committee meeting. Any further updates can be directed to the W&amp;S section (via the AG) 1.9km of sewer re-lined in the Avoca area.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>29/3/23 – Included on meeting agenda today.</p>

				<p>14/12/22 – Update provided at Item 7.</p> <p>13/12 – Update was provided to Committee members by Ben Fullagar</p> <p>13/12 – Presentation provided to committee members by Lisa Martin</p>	(Presentation by Ben Fullagar)
14	08/12/2021	Staff to bring updates on relevant policies and DCP review to group when available.	Section Manager Flood Planning and Strategy	<p>DCP review is still deferred. Update to be provided at 2 March 2022 meeting</p> <p>2/3/22 – Peter Sheath advised Planning team can't provide update on DCP currently, but Flood Planning team are focusing on updating Flood Policy</p> <p>29/3 – Included on agenda today (Peter Sheath)</p> <p>Query re: re-occurring item or whether it can be completed off the action log. Advice that a further update is anticipated at the next Committee meeting.</p> <p>Report included in today's agenda. 10/05: PS – nothing further to report, quick verbal update</p> <p>1/06: No finalised policies or DCP chapter. Drafted flood policy update – reviewed and additional information. New Sea Level Rise policy. LGA wide chapter in Development</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>29/3 – Included on agenda today (Peter Sheath)</p> <p>Query re: re-occurring item or whether it can be completed off the action log. Advice that a further update is anticipated at the next Committee meeting.</p> <p>Report included in</p>



				Control Plan to be developed. Public exhibition will occur for any policies.  13/9 – item to be addressed at today’s meeting.  13/12 – Update provided in meeting. Action 4	today’s agenda.
17	02/03/2022	Info from MIDO regarding scope of dredging works to be shared with members	Section Manager Catchments to Coast	10/05: BF – will reach out to MIDO to get an update (website with contact details). AW to follow up the process for circulating information to members prior to the meeting (and then for the meeting itself)  10/08: BF to follow up circulation of information via the AG.  14/12/22: Update provided at Item 7.  29/3 – Update as included on agenda at today’s meeting.  13/9 – Included in today’s agenda. The Chair recommends to the Committee to complete action and note that Ben has provided an update today. A new action item will request a single action for MIDO updates. Refer to New Action Item 36.	Completed
21	02/03/2022	Update on draft Flood Policy to be provided at	Section Manager Flood Planning and	29/3 – Peter Sheath to provide update - item on agenda at today’s meeting and further update	Ongoing

		next meeting	Strategy	<p>to be provided at the next Committee meeting regarding the work undertaken / progress of the Policy. Item included in today's agenda.</p> <p>10/05: PS – defer item/update to the following meeting – verbal update to be given</p> <p>10/08: Update to be provided during the Action Log item at the next meeting.</p> <p>13/9 – action item addressed at today's meeting. The Chair requested the action item stay open.</p> <p>13/12 – Update provided in meeting. Action 45 and 46 created.</p>	
26	29/3/2023	Options in relation to CMP engagement with Community members. Discussion of preferences, time and availability, online, focus group workshops, community drop in sessions – or 'all of the above'?	Ben Fullagar - Section Manager Catchments to Coast	<p>To be clarified by SM Catchments and Coast at next meeting</p> <p>13/9 – The Chair advises the action to be completed and a general update is to be provided at each meeting going forward.</p>	Completed
28	29/3/2023	YourVoice OurCoast (YVOC) website to be updated with current timeframes and	Ben Fullagar - Section Manager Catchments to Coast	<p>Item to be addressed at today's meeting</p> <p>13/9 – Ben advised the action item is expected to be updated at the end of October.</p>	Completed

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		information regarding CMP's.			
30	29/3/2023	Options to be explored in relation to distribution of the presentations prior to the meeting to give the Committee members an opportunity to review the information being presented.	Luke Sulkowski Unit Manager Environmental Management	13/9 - Action item completed, this is part of the Governance process of Council and Civic Support staff will continue to provide presentations with the minutes of meetings.	Completed
34	14/6/2023	Queries regarding ferry running aground during low tide at Ettalong and request for information regarding other vessels using the channel and request for executive summary of the MIDO meeting being held on Thursday 15 June.  Action: Summary of MIDO meeting to be provided to Committee members.	Ben Fullagar - Section Manager Catchments to Coast	13/9 – The action is to be completed and a new action to be created. Refer to action item 36.	Completed
35	14/6/2023	Dredging works - Transport for NSW	Ben Fullagar - Section Manager	13/9 - The action is to be completed and a new action to be created. Refer to action item 36.	Completed

		(TfNSW) has information on their website regarding tender for Swansea Channel works. Establishment of a similar type page for Ettalong Channel works is to be explored.  Action: Council staff to request MIDO consideration of this.	Catchments to Coast		
36	14/09/2023	MIDO Update – Dredging Works, Ferry running aground during low tide at Ettalong	Dave Hopper	12/12 – Dave hopper is not in attendance today – dredging has been completed by MIDO can be discussed today by Ben Fullagar	Completed
37	14/09/2023	Raise a service request for our Environmental Compliance Services team to review the recent earthworks carried out at 20 Jack Grant Ave, Warnervale to ensure that the works are compliant with appropriate sedimentation and erosion controls.	Luke Sulkowski Unit Manager Environmental Management	CX raised 230921 – 000047  Update as of 7 November 2023:  Officer has undertaken an inspection and has been reviewing the considerable number of documents associated with consents for the site to determine exactly where the development currently stands. Officer has been in contact with the applicant of the development and is liaising with other Council staff prior to	

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				determining action.	
38	14/09/2023	Raise a service request for our Environmental Compliance Services team in regards to the knocking down of paperbark areas on the skirted corners around Jack Grant Drive.	Luke Sulkowski Unit Manager Environmental Management	<p>Complete – Advisory Groups sent email to committee on 1/11 with response:</p> <p>On 6 September 2023 Councils Natural Environments Compliance Officer attended the site to investigate the unlawful vegetation removal, upon investigating it was noted the area that has been cleared was value mapped. As such Central Coast Council is not the authorised regulatory authority, the complaint was referred to Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) with reference number report case #202305409.</p> <p>Further enquiries should be referred to DPE.</p>	Complete
39	14/09/2023	Michael Kilp to provide photos to the Chair of a gate knocked open and truck allegedly carrying out possible illegal dumping onto a higher catchment area in Porters Creek. Chair to subsequently raise a service request for our Environmental Compliance	Luke Sulkowski Unit Manager Environmental Management	<p>CX raised 230928-000305</p> <p>Update as of 8 November 2023: Illegally dumped tyres off St Johns Road, Jilliby were taped and referred to waste for removal and disposal, an inspection of the street on 8/11/2023 reveals the tyres have been removed.</p> <p>Photograph supplied showing a tipper truck within a construction site at Rosella Rise was determined to NOT be conducting unlawful activity. Officer was unable to locate any</p>	Complete

		Services team to investigate the dumping; ECS also to investigate if contractors on the AV Jennings Rosella Rise subdivision (south of Warnervale Road, and west of Virginia Road) ensure contractors are applying relevant sedimentation and erosion controls.		dumped waste and requested additional information relating to the whereabouts of such waste, officer has had no further correspondence.	
40	13/09/2023	The LJ19 Taskforce, which includes representatives from Council EMU and ECS as well as Long Jetty WaterWatch Group, propose to meet in October to review the report findings. The taskforce will also invite a DPE representative – Chris Drummond. An update will be provided to the Committee in December.	Ben Fullagar - Section Manager Catchments to Coast	13/12 – Update was provided as to current status. See action’s 43 & 44	Ongoing

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41	13/12/2023	To provide fact sheets on wetlands, studies to provide some insight as to what is in the CMP prior to going on public exhibition – Ben Fullagar	Ben Fullagar – Section Manager Catchments to Coast		
42	13/12/2023	NSW Marine Infrastructure Delivery Office (MIDO) be invited to present to the committee on community dredging early next year	Ben Fullagar – Section Manager Catchments to Coast		
43	13/12/2023	Request update from Council’s Compliance team for Long Jetty Waterworks Group on progress of LJ 19	Ben Fullagar – Section Manager Catchments to Coast		
44	13/12/2023	Amendment to previous minutes – LJ19  To investigate the diesel pump which was out of service and wrapped up in black plastic is on the corner	Ben Fullagar – Section Manager Catchments to Coast		

		of Elsiemer St and Central Coast Highway Long Jetty.			
45	13/12/2023	Monitor for proposed flood studies for the Lagoons for the purpose of a storm surge	Peter Sheath - Section Manager Bushfire and Flood Risk Management		
46	13/12/2023	Agenda Item for next meeting in 2024  Wamberal Beach Terminal Protection project update – discussion of flood studies of the Lagoon for the purpose of a storm surge	Peter Sheath - Section Manager Bushfire and Flood Risk Management		
47	13/12/2023	The Entrance Channel – organise an onsite meet in early February. Invite the Administrator to attend	Luke Sulkowski Unit Manager Environmental Management		



