

Wamberal Seawall Advisory Taskforce Meeting Record (Meeting 16)

Location:	Microsoft Teams
Date:	22 December 2022
Time	Started at: 10.00am Closed at: 10.45am
Chair	Dr. Phil Watson

Members present:

Dr Phil Watson – Chair, Julie McFadden – State Government (on behalf of Adam Crouch MP), David Farmer – Central Coast Council, Tim Deverell – DPE Crown Lands, Sharon Molloy – DPE Environment and Heritage Group.

Observers present:

Dr Alice Howe (Director, Environment and Planning, Central Coast Council), Michelle Fletcher (Director, Marine, Coast, Estuary and Flood, DPE Environment and Heritage Group).

Item 1 Welcome, Acknowledgement of Country and Apologies

Apologies received: Adam Crouch MP – State Government, Maria Plytariyas – DPE Planning

The Chair welcomed the Taskforce and completed an Acknowledgement of Country. It was noted the meeting was being recorded for the purpose of minute taking.

Item 2 Disclosures of Interest

No disclosures were received.

Item 3 Confirmation of Previous Meeting Record

The minutes and action log for meeting No. 15 were formally finalised, endorsed and distributed to Taskforce members on 13 September 2022.

Item 4 Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting

The Taskforce discussed outstanding matters arising from previous meetings as summarised below.

- 4.1 Crown Lands update on management of residual land parcels: Tim Deverell advised that Crown Lands contacted Central Coast Council on 7 Nov 2022 with an update on the residual land at Wamberal. Council responded on 14 December 2022, noting that they would like the Crown to acquire the subject land, however, Council is open to discussions to be the Crown Land Manager. Crown Lands is considering the matter.

Crown Lands is also continuing to progress discussions with Land Registry Services and Crown Solicitors on the cancelled folio (title) for the residual land. This is required to inform the acquisition process by any public authority and this is a priority for the new year.

As per previous advice there are two options for Crown Lands to acquire the residual land

- 1). as a construction authority s4.2 CLM Act (Note: not subject to Aboriginal Land Rights Act) – however Crown Lands would not be the construction authority due to land holders needing to seek development consent to undertake works; or
- 2) under s4.4 under the CLM Act acquire and dedicate as a reserve (Note: will be subject to potential claims under the Aboriginal Land Rights Act).

Alternatively, Council can acquire this residual land.

Action: Crown Lands to set up a meeting with Council to resolve the residue land and acquisition process in the new year.

Item 5 Update from Central Coast Council

Dr Alice Howe (Central Coast Council) provided an update from Central Coast Council (CCC). Dr Howe advised that CCC is continuing to work with public and private landowners to progress a whole of embayment solution based on CCC's adopted Minimum Engineering Design Requirements.

CCC would welcome the opportunity to work with NSW Government agencies to investigate the potential for any grant funding opportunities from NSW and Australian Government funding program sources for the public components of this solution.

CCC notes CL's advice on the investigation into the status of residual lands and considers that it would be more appropriate for any acquisition to be to the Crown Land estate. CCC seeks clarification about whether CL is aware of any mechanisms to allow access across the parcel for construction of terminal protection works on other land until longer term ownership issues have been resolved.

Action: Crown Lands to work with Council on mechanisms to allow access across the parcel for construction of terminal protection works on other land until longer term ownership issues have been resolved.

Item 6 Update from the Chair

Phil Watson provided an update as Chair of the Taskforce.

- The Chair advised that in relation to grant funding opportunities (raised by CCC in Item 5), a new Commonwealth grant funding program (Disaster Ready Fund) had been announced for application from 2023/24 onwards. The Chair advised that when the funding guidelines are available in the new year, consideration should be given to investigating the utility of this fund for application to the Wamberal context, given the status of progress toward the whole of embayment solution.

Action: Chair and Council to consider Disaster Ready Fund guidelines when available in 2023 for further consideration and discussion with the Taskforce.

- The Chair advised that the next meeting of the Taskforce scheduled for February 2023 was the last scheduled meeting under the existing Terms of Reference. A review of the role of the Taskforce and its Terms of Reference will be required to be undertaken at this meeting.

Action: A review of the role of the Taskforce and its Terms of Reference will be required at meeting No.17 (scheduled for late February 2023).

Item 7 General Business, Review of Task Log, Next Meeting Date and Close

The Taskforce reviewed the task log and noted all outstanding prior actions have been completed, with 4 further actions added from meeting No. 16 (Action numbers 54 – 57).

The meeting closed at 10.45am

Next Meetings: Late February 2023
Time/Date TBC
Microsoft Teams

Minutes finalised and endorsed 20 January 2023.



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Chair
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Action Log

Action number	Meeting date	Action	Responsibility	Notes	Status
4	11/08/2020	Phil Watson and Gary Murphy to meet monthly (or on as needs basis) with affected landowners' representatives	Phil Watson / Central Coast Council (CCC)	Meetings occur as required	Ongoing
45	3/08/2021	Council to document procedures around approvals with view to progress a preferred option by year end following phase 2 community consultation. Update to be provided at next meeting.	Casey Johnston (CCC) / David Farmer (CCC)	Update provided at 14 October 2021 meeting	Complete
46	7/09/2021	Casey Johnston to review project plan with Phil Watson and bring to next Taskforce meeting.	Casey Johnston (CCC) / Phil Watson	Update provided at 14 October 2021 meeting	Complete
47	7/09/2021	Casey Johnston to distribute presentation provided at info sessions to Taskforce members and explore making similar information available on the YourVoiceOurCoast page.	Casey Johnston (CCC)	Distributed to Taskforce members by Casey Johnston on 17 February 2022.	Complete
48	7/09/2021	Phil Watson, David Farmer and Adam Crouch MP to meet to discuss the role of the Taskforce moving forward and any changes to tenure.	Phil Watson, David Farmer (CCC), Adam Crouch MP	Taskforce continuing	Complete
49	14/10/2021	Crown Lands to provide advice about grant funding available for Council.	Tim Deverell (DPE Crown Lands)	Update provided at 18 November 2021 meeting	Complete
50	14/10/2021	Phil Watson to circulate press release on Amendment Bill to members.	Phil Watson	Phil circulated to members via email	Complete

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51	14/10/2021	Scott Cox to keep members updated on progress of site visit to Northern Beaches.	Scott Cox (CCC)	Update provided at 18 November 2021 meeting	Complete
52	17/02/2022	Revised Terms of Reference.	All Members	All members to review and provide comments back to Chair on draft revised Terms of Reference by COB 25 February 2022. ToR revised and completed at Meeting No.14 (15 June 2022).	Complete
53	15/06/2022	Revised Terms of Reference.	Chair	Chair to circulate agreed ToR with Meeting No.14 Minutes for publishing on Council's website.	Complete
54	22/12/2022	Crown Lands to set up a meeting with Council to resolve the residue land and acquisition process in the new year.	Tim Deverell (DPE Crown Lands)	Resolution of long-standing issue.	Pending
55	22/12/2022	Crown Lands to work with Council on mechanisms to allow access across the residual parcel for construction of terminal protection works on other land until longer term ownership issues have been resolved.	Tim Deverell (DPE Crown Lands)	Alleviate potential complexity of construction access along the beach impinging on residual land parcel.	Pending
56	22/12/2022	Consideration of recently announced Commonwealth funding opportunities.	Chair/Dr Alice Howe	Chair and Council to consider Disaster Ready Fund guidelines when available in 2023 for further consideration and discussion with the Taskforce.	Pending

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57	22/12/2022	Review role of the Taskforce and its Terms of Reference at meeting No.17 (scheduled for late February 2023).	All Members	Required by Terms of Reference.	Pending