

Catchments and Coast Committee Tuggerah Lakes Extraordinary Meeting Record 26 September 2019



Location:	Central Coast Council Wyong Office Level 2 Committee Room 2 Hely Street, Wyong	
Date:	26 September 2019	
Time	Started at: 4.33pm	Closed at: 6.06pm
Chair	Councillor Doug Vincent	
File Ref	F2018/00098	

Present:

Councillor Jilly Pilon, Councillor Jane Smith, Councillor Doug Vincent, Michael Campbell, Doug Darlington, Robert Davies

External Representatives present:

Kym Bilham – Department of Planning, Industry and Environment

Council Staff present:

Luke Sulkowski – Unit Manager Natural and Environmental Assets (arrived 5.42pm), Rochelle Lawson – Senior Ecologist, Peter Sheath – Section Manager Waterways, Kelly Drover – Advisory Group Support Officer

Item 1 Apologies and Acknowledgement of Country

Apologies received: Councillor Louise Greenaway, Graham Hankin, Marlene Pennings, Samantha Willis

Councillor Jane Smith completed an Acknowledgement of Country and Connection to Land statement.

Item 2 Disclosure of Interest

No disclosures were received.

Item 3 Consultant's Report on Porters Creek Wetland and Priority Actions from the TLEMP for Implementation

Peter Sheath (Section Manager Waterways) gave a presentation on the Council Resolution of 9 September 2019 and the Feasibility Study of Options to Protect Porters Creek Wetland.

The Advisory Group discussed the options of a Conservation Agreement or a Biodiversity Stewardship Agreement. It was determined that a Conservation Agreement would be simpler to establish and provide protection to the wetland (beyond limitations of protection provided by current land use zonings), and that a Biodiversity Stewardship Agreement was an option that could be considered at a later date if deemed appropriate.

Action: Staff will confirm the following:

- Is there a significant difference between operational and community classified land in application of a Biodiversity Stewardship Agreement in this situation?
- What area is defined for WEZ, including the educational precinct and the runway?

Action: Staff to advise the Advisory Group of the outcomes of the above questions via email prior to reporting of this meeting record to Council

Draft Recommendation:

1. That Council define the area to be protected as those areas identified as Coastal Wetland and Coastal Wetland proximity areas in accordance with the Coastal SEPP and any other adjacent associated native vegetation communities located on land owned by Central Coast Council (these all tend to be located on and defined by the E2 or E3 zoned land), excluding; (as shown in Attachment 1).
 - that portion of the runway that complies with the *Warnervale Airport (Restrictions) Act*
 - the area zoned as the education precinct and industrial/business zone
2. That Council seek a conservation agreement on the area identified in Recommendation 1 and acknowledge that future parcels of Porters Creek Wetland that are acquired for conservation purposes will be included in other Conservation Agreements (as per the *Biodiversity Conservation Act*).
3. That Council proceed with subdivisions to achieve Recommendation 2.

Item 4 General Business and Close

Meeting closed 6.06pm

Next Meeting: **Thursday 7 November 2019**
4pm – 6pm
Central Coast Council Wyong Office
Level 2 Committee Room