

Wamberal Seawall Advisory Taskforce Meeting Record (Meeting 11)

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Location:	Microsoft Teams	
Date:	14 October 2021	
Time	Started at: 10.32am	Closed at: 11.34am
Chair	Dr. Phil Watson	

Members present:

Dr Phil Watson – Chair, David Farmer – Central Coast Council, Casey Johnston – Central Coast Council, Sharon Molloy – DPIE Environment Energy and Science, Malcolm Robertson – DPIE Crown Lands (on behalf of Tim Deverell)

Observers present:

Megan Golightly – Office of Adam Crouch MP, Luke Sikora – Office of Minister Hancock, Scott Cox – Central Coast Council, Zoie Magann – Central Coast Council (Minute Taker)

Item 1 Welcome, Acknowledgement of Country and Apologies

Apologies received: Adam Crouch MP – State Government (Parliament Sitting), Tim Deverell – DPIE Crown Lands, Michelle Fletcher – DPIE Environment Energy and Science, Maria Plytarias – DPIE 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.

The Chair was advised on 8 October 2021 that Greg Sullivan's role on the Taskforce would be replaced by Tim Deverell (Crown Lands).

Item 2 Disclosures of Interest

No disclosures were received.

Item 3 Confirmation of Previous Meeting Record

The Taskforce confirmed the minutes from Meeting No.10 held on 7 September 2021. The finalised minutes were also forwarded to the Minister's Office to comply with reporting requirements in accordance with the adopted Terms of Reference (TORs).

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: Malcolm Robertson advised various investigations and searches are still underway to determine ownership of applicable parcel. It is anticipated these investigations will take a further month to complete. Crown Lands also advised a registered surveyor has been engaged to undertake a re-determination of the Mean High Water Mark along Wamberal Beach with a preliminary report expected by the end of October. Scott Cox

enquired about whether there were any possible grant programs within Crown Lands that Council might be able to access for the project.

Action: Crown Lands to provide advice about grant funding available for Council at next meeting.

- 4.2 Update on NSW Government / Council sand nourishment discussions: Phil Watson advised no further update from Meeting 10 regarding this issue and for this to be removed as a standing item moving forward unless there is something of relevance to report to the Taskforce. Scott Cox noted Council is still interested in sand nourishment and would like to keep conversations ongoing. Phil Watson advised several potential sand nourishment sources will continue to be pursued into the future and will keep the Taskforce updated on relevant developments.
- 4.3 Role of the Taskforce moving forward: Phil Watson noted Minister Hancock introduced the Coastal Management Amendment Bill 2021 into the parliament on 12 October 2021. The purpose of the Bill is to extend the expiry date for certified CZMPs by a further 2 years to 31 December 2023. This is a very significant development for Coastal Councils and will provide a bit more breathing space for Council to resolve the Wamberal issue within the context of the certified CZMP whilst also having the benefit of grant funding assistance over the next 2 years or until the open coast CMP replaces the CZMP, whichever occurs sooner.

The role of the Taskforce moving forward will need to be considered in the context of whether the Bill is successful.

Action: Phil Watson to circulate press release on Amendment Bill to members.

- 4.4 Update on project timelines and approvals processes: comments noted in Item 5.

Item 5 Update from the Project Manager

Casey Johnston (Central Coast Council) provided an update as Project Manager.

The following key points were noted:

- Provided an overview of outcomes from Phase 2 community consultation, following update provided at the last Taskforce meeting. It was noted the same concerns continue to be raised (rejection of seawall), so conversations are ongoing.
- MARA Consulting recently developed an engagement summary that compiles stats from Phase 2.
- Casey Johnston met with Phil Watson to discuss the project plan after the last meeting. Key matters were discussed including legislative compliance, approvals pathways, lessons learnt, review of similar projects, funding and costings, options for way forward.
- Have also met with beachfront property owners to provide updates on the project. Noted some owners showed interest in development pathways and what options may be explored. These meetings were helpful as limited feedback was provided by residents during Phase 2.
- MHL studies are ongoing. Coastal monitoring website will soon be made live. The Cost Benefit Analysis (CBA) is still outstanding as MHL needed to confirm some figures.

- Staff continue to present to Council's CEO and Administrator to keep them updated about project and community consultation.

Scott Cox (Central Coast Council) also provided some comments:

- Provided an overview of items for consideration regarding Council's approach to coastal protection including design options, approval processes and costing models.
- Noted this project will likely set a precedent for future scenarios, which adds to the importance of getting it right.

Item 6 Update from the Chair

Phil Watson provided an update as Chair of the Taskforce.

The following key points were noted:

- Over the past month, Chair has spent time with Council staff to review outcomes of ongoing consultation and help develop a project plan around the alternative options. Chair noted he would expect that Council would be in a position following the finalisation of the community consultation and various technical reports from MHL (including the CBA report), to be able to settle on a recommended solution by years end, sufficient to proceed toward detailed design.
- A community group has made representations to members and are proposing to present an alternative option for consideration as part of a DA process. This is an exciting development as it presents an additional opportunity to progress implementation of protection works, but, suggest the Taskforce will need to understand more about the details concerning the proposal.

Action: Phil Watson to organise a meeting between residents, Administrator and CEO to discuss the proposal in more detail.

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

Scott Cox noted Council are hoping to organise a site visit to Northern Beaches to review options implemented there and welcomed interest of Taskforce members.

Action: Scott Cox to keep members updated on progress of site visit to Northern Beaches.

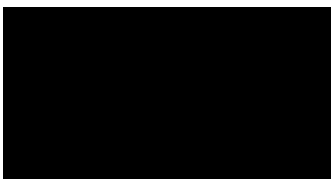
The Taskforce reviewed the task log and noted action updates (see page 4).

The meeting closed at 11.34am

**Next Meetings: 18 November 2021
 9.30 to 10.30am (TBC)
 Microsoft Teams**

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Minutes finalised and endorsed 29 October 2021.



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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 David Farmer 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 to be provided at October 2021 meeting 14/10 done	Pending
46	7/09/2021	Casey Johnston to review project plan with Phil Watson and bring to next Taskforce meeting.	Casey Johnston (CCC) / Phil Watson	14/10 done	Pending
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)	14/10 still to be done	Pending
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	14/10 hold over to next meeting with consideration of amendment bill	Pending
49	14/10/2021	Crown Lands to provide advice about grant funding available for Council.	Tim Deverell (DPIE Crown Lands)		Pending
50	14/10/2021	Phil Watson to circulate press release on Amendment Bill to members.	Phil Watson		Pending

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