

MEMA meeting #31 – summary minutes

22 February 2019

Marine Estate Management Authority

Dr Wendy Craik AM chaired the meeting. Authority members or their nominees in attendance were:

- Director General, Department of Primary Industries (DPI)
- Executive Director, Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH)
- Director, Centre for Maritime Safety, Transport for NSW (TfNSW).
- A/Executive Director, Resources Policy and Reform Implementation (DPE)
- Chair, Marine Estate Expert Knowledge Panel.

The Authority was provided presentations by agency staff on other work occurring in MEMA agencies that complements marine estate work. MEMA discussed a number of matters at the meeting including those summarised below.

MARINE ESTATE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

The Authority noted progress on implementation of the Marine Estate Management Strategy (2018-2028).

The Authority is continuing to finalise the Marine Estate Management Strategy Implementation Plan in consultation with key partners. The Implementation Plan summarises how the Authority will deliver on the actions and sub-actions, describe the partnerships to achieve the actions and outcomes and provide timeframes for delivery. The Authority also discussed long-term timeframes for subsequent stages of implementation and alignment with the planned five year health check of the statewide threat and risk assessment and the Strategy.

The second quarterly report to MEMA was considered and progress noted on the various projects across the marine estate. Information on these projects can be found in the latest [marine estate newsletter](#).

Further information about the final [Marine Estate Management Strategy \(2018-2028\)](#) can be found on the Authority's website.

MARINE INTEGRATED MONITORING PROGRAM

Development of the Marine Integrated Monitoring Program is now in its final stages, with considerable input from the Marine Estate Expert Knowledge Panel. A Monitoring and Evaluation Framework has been developed by Aither (consultants) to integrate social, cultural, economic and environmental elements in the Program, monitor the effectiveness of the Marine Estate Management Strategy, address knowledge gaps and monitor threats to the benefits/assets of the marine estate. The monitoring and evaluation framework and broader program will be published on the marine estate website when finalised.

COASTAL REFORMS

Marine Estate Management Authority agencies are working closely with local government to develop 25 Coastal Management Programs (CMPs). Linkages between the Strategy and CMPs were discussed.



The NSW Coastal Council includes representation of two Marine Estate Expert Knowledge Panel members and the NSW Coastal Council Secretariat attends regular Marine Estate Agency Steering Committee meetings. The NSW Coastal Council provides strategic advice on coastal management reforms.

MARINE PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPRESENTATION

A review of the Marine Park Advisory Committee Handbook is currently underway. The review will consider representation by persons with skills and knowledge of recreational boating and the maritime industry on marine park advisory committees. Current advisory committees do not directly represent interests of the boating public.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Authority is scheduled for May 2019.

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