

schedule of works

2020

Marine Estate Management Authority

The Marine Estate Management Authority's Schedule of Works identifies priority areas of work as part of the strategic, holistic, evidence-based approach to managing the NSW marine estate – marine waters, coast and estuaries, including marine parks.

In forming advice for the Ministers responsible for the marine estate, the Marine Estate Management Authority (Authority) has direct access to independent expertise across economic, social and ecological sciences through the Marine Estate Expert Knowledge Panel (Knowledge Panel). The Authority and the Knowledge Panel are helping the NSW Government to focus their programs on priority issues and will oversee implementation of appropriate, innovative, cost-effective management responses to the biggest threats and risks to the NSW marine estate, and to monitor progress and outcomes.

Table 1. Priority of current marine estate programs and key outputs

Indicative completion	Priority projects	Status
2028	Marine Estate Management Strategy (2018-2028) implementation	Ten-year strategy being implemented
2028	Marine Integrated Monitoring Program (MIMP) implementation	Being implemented
2020	Marine park management planning - pilot new approach at Batemans Marine Park and Port Stephens-Great Lakes Marine Park	In progress
2020	<i>Marine Estate Management Act 2014</i> – five-year statutory review	Targeted stakeholder consultation July – Sept 2020 – finalisation of review Dec 2020

Table 2. Future marine estate major programs

Indicative completion	Future projects	Status
Following completion of marine park pilots	Marine park management planning - timetable for reviewing management in other marine parks	Pending
2022	Statewide Threat and Risk Assessment – five-year review	Pending
2023	Marine Estate Management Strategy implementation – five-year review	Pending

Table 3. Completed marine estate programs and outputs

Completed projects	Status
Marine park advisory committees – vacant positions filled	Appointed March 2020
Marine Integrated Monitoring and Evaluation Framework for the MIMP	Published December 2019
Marine Estate Management Strategy - Implementation Plan 2018-2020	Published October 2019
Maritime Infrastructure Plan 2019-2024	Released December 2018
Hawkesbury Shelf marine bioregion assessment - explore mechanisms to enhance conservation of marine biodiversity in the Hawkesbury Shelf marine bioregion (Newcastle - Sydney - Wollongong)	Discussion paper released August-September 2018
Marine Estate Management Strategy (2018-2028)	Published 16 Aug 2018
<i>Marine Estate Management (Management Rules) Regulation 1999</i> amended to implement final decision regarding 10 ocean beach and headland sanctuary zones sites in four marine parks in relation to shore-based recreational line fishing	Gazetted June 2018
Guidelines for assessing management options for the NSW marine estate	Published October 2017
NSW Marine Protected Areas Policy Statement	Published October 2017
Marine Estate Management Regulation	Remade September 2017
Statewide Threat and Risk Assessment	Published October 2017
Marine Estate Expert Knowledge Panel evaluation of processes and role in NSW marine estate management	Published 2016 in MEMA's annual report
Threat and risk assessment framework	Published June 2015
<i>Marine Estate Management Act 2014</i>	Commenced December 2014
Social research, through a statewide survey to capture NSW community views on the marine estate	Published July 2014
The Authority's vision and principles determined, to guide management of the marine estate	Published November 2013
Moratorium provisions in <i>Marine Parks Act 1997</i> amended to allow for changes to zoning including alteration of sanctuary zones	Passed Parliament August 2013

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