

Meeting Summary



Stockton Beach Taskforce

June 2023

Details

- Location:** Yapung Meeting Room (No. 15)
Level 2, 117 Bull St
Newcastle West
- Date/time:** Thursday 15 June 2023
1pm to 1.45pm
- Chairperson:** The Hon. Tara Moriarty MLC, Minister
for Regional New South Wales

Elected representatives

1. Chairperson: The Hon. Tara Moriarty MLC, Minister
for Regional New South Wales
2. The Hon. Tim Crakanthorp MP, Minister for the
Hunter
3. Cr Declan Clausen, Deputy Lord Mayor, City of
Newcastle

Organisations present

1. Department of Regional NSW
2. NSW Public Works, Regional NSW
3. Department of Planning and Environment
4. City of Newcastle
5. Port of Newcastle
6. NSW Coastal Council
7. Stockton Community Liaison Group
8. Community Representatives

Discussion Points

Issue:

Acknowledgement of Country:

Acknowledgement of Country made by the chair

Welcome, introductions and apologies:

Chair welcomed all to the meeting, introductions were made, and apologies noted.

Declaration of conflicts of interest:

Nil.

Update from Minister Moriarty:

- NSW Public Works (part of the Department of Regional NSW) will project manage the \$6.2 million Coastal and Estuarine Risk Mitigation Program grant jointly funded by the Australian Government and City of Newcastle.

Update from Minister Moriarty continued:

- NSW Public Works continues to progress necessary environmental approvals, has worked with the Port of Newcastle to understand and finalise dredging boundaries, approvals and licenses, undertaken market soundings and has called for tenders for initial dredging works.
- The Minister acknowledged the co-contribution from the City of Newcastle.
- The role of the Taskforce is to set Stockton back on a path toward longer-term revitalisation through the delivery of this first \$6.2 million.
- The work of the Taskforce, and of NSW Public Works in delivering the initial grant funding, will create a blueprint for the Minister for the Environment and the Department of Planning & Environment to take forward the NSW Government commitment of \$21m for longer-term mass sand nourishment at Stockton

Four Point Plan

The Taskforce endorsed a Four Point Plan to take forward the NSW Government commitment of \$21m for longer-term mass sand nourishment at Stockton:

1. NSW Public Works to continue to lead restoration works and in consultation with key stakeholders, oversee expenditure of \$6.2m under the Coastal and Estuarine Risk Mitigation Program.
2. Department of Regional NSW to work with the Department of Planning and Environment to develop a 'Blueprint for long term management of Stockton Beach'. Draft Blueprint to be presented to Taskforce in September and finalised no later than December 2023.
3. Department of Regional NSW to host regular Community Information Sessions to ensure community input into decisions made by the taskforce.
4. Quarterly progress reports, issued jointly by the NSW government and City of Newcastle, to be made publicly available, beginning September 2023.

Endorsement of the revised Terms of Reference (ToR):

The taskforce agreed to include wording on the longer-term planning (\$21m election commitment) into its Terms of Reference.

Next Meeting:

1pm Wednesday 27 September 2023