

Meeting Summary



Stockton Beach Taskforce

September 2023

Details

- Location:** Yapung Meeting Room (No. 15)
Level 2, 117 Bull St
Newcastle West
- Date/time:** Wednesday 27 September 2023
1pm to 1.45pm
- Chairperson:** The Hon. Tara Moriarty MLC, Minister
for Regional New South Wales

Organisations present

1. NSW Department of Regional NSW
2. NSW Public Works
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

Elected representatives

1. Chairperson: The Hon. Tara Moriarty MLC, Minister
for Regional New South Wales
2. The Hon. Yasmin Catley MP, Minister for the Hunter
3. Cr Nuatali Nelmes, Lord Mayor, City of Newcastle

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. Apologies noted above.

Declaration of conflicts of interest:

Nil.

Update from Minister Moriarty:

Significant progress has been made by the Department of Regional NSW to lead delivery of initial sand nourishment as part of the Four Point Plan endorsed by the June 2023 Taskforce meeting. The Minister thanked the Department and City of Newcastle for the progress to date.

Endorsement of the revised Terms of Reference (ToR):

At the June meeting, the taskforce agreed to include wording on the longer-term planning (\$21m election commitment) into the Terms of Reference. The Taskforce endorsed the revised ToR.

Project update from NSW Public Works - Coastal and Estuarine Risk Mitigation Program(CERMP)

- Working with Regional NSW, City of Newcastle, Crown Lands and Port of Newcastle, NSW Public Works have coordinated planning approval pathways and other approvals and permits required in readiness for dredging and near shore placement works.
- RN Dredging P/L has been awarded a contract to undertake initial amenity renourishment, utilising approximately 100,000 cubic metres from the outer harbour part of Area E. Expected dredging and placement targeted to commence in October.
- The investigation and feasibility of long-term sand sourcing options is progressing. These investigations will consider many factors, including:
 - Environmental constraints
 - Sand quality and suitability
 - Technical requirements for dredging plant and equipment and anticipated availability
 - Estimated cost

Presentation on Draft Blueprint by Department of Planning and Environment

- Discussion by Taskforce members on initial feedback following the presentation.
- Feedback on the Draft Blueprint is to be worked through with Taskforce members prior to the next meeting in December.

Quarterly Report Progress

- Working together, Department of Regional NSW and City of Newcastle have produced a draft quarterly progress report. Following the meeting and endorsement from the Taskforce it will be finalised and distributed.
- This first quarterly report details how progress on sourcing sand for Stockton has continued throughout 2023 and includes details of the NSW Government's Four Point Plan to progress outcomes for Stockton Beach.
- It highlights how the NSW Government and the City of Newcastle are working together to restore sand to Stockton Beach.

Update on Community Information Sessions

Plans are underway for a Community Information Session to be delivered in late October 2023. An 'Open house' style information session will offer a format with multiple displays where attendees can view information on set topics at each display or station and discuss the topic with project representatives and subject matter experts.

General Business:

Lord Mayor Nuatali Nelmes thanked Minister Moriarty for the progress that has occurred during the 2 Taskforce meetings the Minister has chaired.

Next Meeting:

TBC December 2023.