



AGENDA

ENVIRONMENT STRATEGIC REFERENCE GROUP

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Environment Strategic Reference Group will be held in the Coastal Environment Centre, Narrabeen on

THURSDAY 29 AUGUST 2019

Beginning at 6:00pm for the purpose of considering matters included in this agenda.

Committee Members

Cr Alex McTaggart (Chair)

Cr Natalie Warren

Cr Pat Daley

Cr Stuart Sprott

Sophie Scott

Roberta Conroy Bayview Church Point Residents Association

Alan Jones

Tom Hazell

David Tribe

Anthony Petrolo

Nigel Howard

Viktorija McDonnell Curl Curl Lagoon Committee

Marita Macrae Pittwater Natural Heritage Association

Jacqueline Marlow Friends of Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment

Billy Bragg

Scott Markich

Council Officer Contacts

Todd Dickinson Director Environment and Sustainability

James Leigh Acting Executive Manager Environment and Climate Change

Ximena Von Oven Governance Officer

Quorum

A majority of members including the Chair or one of the elected Councillors.

**Agenda for Environment
Strategic Reference Group Meeting
to be held on Thursday 29 August 2019
in the Coastal Environment Centre, Narrabeen
Commencing at 6:00pm**

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NEXT MEETING Thursday 7 November 2019

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Chairperson: *"I wish to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which the meeting gathered, and pay respect to Elders past and present."*

1.0 APOLOGIES

Roberta Conroy

All members are expected to attend the meetings or otherwise tender their apologies to the Chair and Governance at councilmeetings@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au.

2.0 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Members are advised of the following definitions of a "pecuniary" or "conflict" of interest for their assistance:

Section 4 of the Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW 2018 states that a pecuniary interest is as follows:

"A pecuniary interest is an interest that you have in a matter because of a reasonable likelihood or expectation of appreciable financial gain or loss to you or a person referred to in clause 4.3.

You will not have a pecuniary interest in a matter if the interest is so remote or insignificant that it could not reasonably be regarded as likely to influence any decision you might make in relation to the matter, or if the interest is of a kind specified in clause 4.6.

For the purposes of this Part, you will have a pecuniary interest in a matter if the pecuniary interest is: a) your interest, or b) the interest of your spouse or de facto partner, your relative, or your partner or employer, or c) a company or other body of which you, or your nominee, partner or employer, is a shareholder or member."

Council's Code of Conduct states that a "conflict of interest" exists when you could be influenced, or a reasonable person would perceive that you could be influenced by a personal interest when carrying out your public duty.

3.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1 MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENT STRATEGIC REFERENCE GROUP MEETING HELD 30 MAY 2019

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Environment Strategic Reference Group meeting held 30 May 2019, copies of which were previously circulated to all Members, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

**3.2 MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY ENVIRONMENT STRATEGIC REFERENCE GROUP
HELD 13 AUGUST 2019**

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Environment Strategic Reference Group held 13 August 2019, copies of which were previously circulated to all Members, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

5.0 AGENDA ITEMS

ITEM 5.1	UPDATE ON DRAFT ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY
REPORTING OFFICER	ACTING EXECUTIVE MANAGER ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE
TRIM FILE REF	2019/478852
ATTACHMENTS	NIL

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

PURPOSE

To provide an update on the Draft Environment and Climate Change Strategy.

REPORT

Following the Extraordinary Environment SRG meeting of 13 August 2019, it was anticipated that the Draft Environment and Climate Change Strategy (the Strategy) would be presented to Council with the recommendation that it is placed on public exhibition.

This report is to provide an update on some areas that need further clarification in the Strategy prior to placing the draft on public exhibition.

RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING EXECUTIVE MANAGER ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE

That the Environment Strategic Reference Group note the update on the Draft Environment and Climate Change Strategy.

ITEM 5.2	ENVIRONMENT CENTRES REVIEW WORKSHOP
REPORTING OFFICER	DIRECTOR ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY
TRIM FILE REF	2019/467379
ATTACHMENTS	NIL

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

PURPOSE

To provide an update on the Environment Centres review and participate in a workshop to assist with the review of Council's Environment Centres.

SUMMARY/REPORT

Council recommended at the 28 May 2019 meeting to undertake a review of Council's Environment Centres. Part of this recommendation included engagement of stakeholders including the Environment SRG.

An update on the review of the Environment Centres will be provided and feedback will be sought from the SRG during a workshop at the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY

That the Environment Strategic Reference Group participate in a workshop to assist with the review of Council's Environment Centres.

ITEM 5.3	DRAFT WATER MANAGEMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT POLICY
REPORTING OFFICER	SENIOR ENVIRONMENT OFFICER - CATCHMENTS
TRIM FILE REF	2019/467370
ATTACHMENTS	1 ↓ Draft Water Management for Development Policy Review

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

PURPOSE

To provide the Environment Strategic Reference (SRG) with an update on the draft Northern Beaches Water Management for Development Policy.

REPORT

As discussed at the previous Environment SRG meeting on 30 May 2019 staff are currently reviewing and consolidating former Council policies to develop a draft Northern Beaches Water Management for Development Policy (Policy). The purpose of the Policy is to provide the guidelines for effective management of stormwater, rainwater, groundwater and wastewater within the Northern Beaches Local Government Area (LGA) and to protect and enhance the natural environment while ensuring protection of public and private property.

In the development of this draft Policy, Council has considered the existing policies from the former Councils, policies and procedures from other Councils, as well as feedback from internal stakeholders and feedback provided by the Environment SRG at their last meeting.

Overall the policy position is in line with the former policies. The Environment SRG will be briefed on the most significant changes for their feedback at their meeting.

Once adopted the draft policy would replace the relevant existing policies of the three former Councils thus supporting a single approach to water management for development on the Northern Beaches.

It is proposed to place the draft Policy on public exhibition with the associated changes required for the Pittwater, Manly and Warringah (2011) Development Control Plans, after which submissions will be considered and the final policy will be reported to Council seeking adoption.

RECOMMENDATION OF SENIOR ENVIRONMENT OFFICER - CATCHMENTS

That the draft Water Management for Development Policy be noted.



Draft Water Management for Development Policy

**Environment Strategic
Reference Group**

29 August 2019



Relevant Plans, Policies and Legislation

- Northern Beaches Community Strategic Plan
 - Goal 1: Our bushland, coast and waterways are protected
 - Goal 2: Our environment and community are resilient
 - Goal 3: Our community is well-supported in decision making
- Water Management Act 2000, Local Government Act 1993, Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
- Draft Environment & Climate Change Strategy 2040
- Existing policies and controls including Warringah Water Management Policy, Pittwater Integrated Water Management Policy and Manly Stormwater Control Policy and associated LEP/DCP controls
- The new **Water Management for Development Policy** will consolidate the various approaches of the three former councils

Name and principles

- Based on advice from the Environment SRG, the policy specifically refers to development activities
- Principles were updated, particularly referencing
 - Water quality
 - Climate change

Water Quality

- Expansion of high quality catchments subject to increased water quality controls to include McCarrs, Wirreanda and Cicada Glen Creek catchments
- Standard solution for water quality for lots under 1000sqm increasing hard surfaces by more than 50m²
- Increased protection for stormwater treatment measures during the construction period

Water Efficiency & Stormwater

- Increasing the water efficiency rating requirement (WELS) where appropriate
- Including on-site detention technical specifications within the policy
- Alignment of easement requirements for the three previous council areas
- Updates to legislation and guidelines references

Next steps

- Council meeting 24 September 2019
- Place draft policy on public exhibition with proposed changes to the Pittwater, Manly and Warringah (2011) Development Control Plans
- Consider submissions
- Report to Council seeking adoption

ITEM 5.4	DRAFT CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN UPDATE
REPORTING OFFICER	SENIOR SUSTAINABILITY OFFICER
TRIM FILE REF	2019/467351
ATTACHMENTS	NIL

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

PURPOSE

To discuss the draft Climate Change Action Plan with the Environment Strategic Reference Group (SRG) and provide an opportunity to give feedback.

REPORT

The draft Climate Change Action Plan (the Plan) is the first of a suite of action plans that will be developed to provide Council with a clear path forward to deliver the goals and commitments in the Protect. Create. Live. Northern Beaches Environment and Climate Change Strategy 2040 (the Strategy). The plans will detail actions to be undertaken over a four year timeframe and will align with Council's Delivery Program. The actions will be translated into the Council's annual operational plan.

At the Environment SRG meeting of 30 May 2019 a workshop was held with members to identify actions that should be included in the Plan. A draft Plan has been prepared that has taken into consideration the actions identified in this workshop and the commitments in the draft Strategy.

RECOMMENDATION OF SENIOR SUSTAINABILITY OFFICER

That the Environment Strategic Reference Group participate in the discussion and provide feedback on the draft Climate Change Action Plan.
