

Marine Infrastructure Advisory Committee – Terms of Reference

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Purpose

The role of the committee is to advise and make recommendations to Council, and to support and help review priorities for Council-controlled marine infrastructure through the Eurobodalla Shire.

Title and delegations

- The Committee shall be referred to as the Marine Infrastructure Advisory Committee.
- The Committee shall function as a non-delegated advisory committee of Council. Refer to Council's [Guidelines for meeting practice for advisory committees](#) for further information.

Objectives

The Committee serves as a strategic, community-led advisory body that works in partnership with Council to:

- promote effective consultation and communication between Council, Councillors, all government bodies and the shire's marine users (boating and fishing communities)
- promote and advertise the shire's marine infrastructure to attract increased usage, events and recognition to the overall benefit of the community
- advise on Council's strategic priorities regarding the installation, improvement and maintenance of marine infrastructure through the shire
- promote safe boating and fishing for all participants and to advise on programs (such as the life rings for rock platforms) to enhance this
- advise on opportunities for children and people with a disability to participate in water-based activities.

Membership of the Committee

- Community members have voting rights.
- The Chairperson is an elected Councillor and has voting rights.
- The selection of community members should consider representatives who have:
 - membership of relevant associations or clubs (fishing game club, dive club etc)
 - the ability to work collaboratively with others
 - an appreciation of the role of local government

- geographic spread across the shire (eg representatives from Narooma, Moruya, and Batemans Bay)
- a diversity of specialisation
- experience, skills and contribution within the marine advocacy environment.

Composition

- Up to 10 community representatives who have an active connection to the Eurobodalla community with contemporary knowledge, skills or involvement in the marine environment, professionally or through involvement with community-based organisations
- One Councillor as Chair, plus one designated alternate Councillor (selected by Council).

The Committee may also choose to have the following participants as required to provide technical advice and guidance, but they will not have voting rights:

- Council staff
- other agency representatives as required.

General meetings

- The Committee is to meet a minimum of four times a year.
- In the event the Chairperson is absent from a meeting, an alternate Chair may be nominated by the Chair or the Committee or as nominated by Council.

Delegations of the Committee

To advise Council. Refer to Council's [Guidelines for meeting practice for advisory committees](#) for further detail about delegations.

Variation to the Terms of Reference

The Terms of Reference may be added to, repealed, or amended by the General Manager, in consultation with or upon the recommendation of the Committee.

Governance

The Committee is governed by the [Guidelines for meeting practice for advisory committees](#), adopted by Council. Members are expected to comply with Council's Code of Conduct and relevant policies.

Appendix: Reference resources

These Terms of Reference should be read in conjunction with the following online resources:

- [Guidelines for meeting practice for advisory committees](#)
- [NSW Office of Local Government Model Code of Conduct](#)