

Coastal and Environment Management Advisory Committee

Terms of Reference

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TERMS OF REFERENCE

Purpose of the Coastal and Environment Management Advisory Committee

The Coastal and Environment Management Advisory Committee will assist Council to manage coastal assets of environmental, cultural and economic value. The Committee will provide a link to the local community that will seek to identify the environmental values held by the community and assist Council to balance these values with sustaining development that will accommodate growth of the local economy.

Current projections for climate change indicate the impacts from natural hazards such as coastal erosion, flooding and bushfires will exacerbate and the over the next century. Biodiversity and other aspects of the natural environment will need to adapt to different conditions under climate change. The Coastal and Environmental Management Advisory Committee will inform Eurobodalla Shire Council in the development of planning strategies that will progress climate change adaptation for the coast, floodplains, biodiversity and natural landscapes of the local area.

Terms of Reference

The terms of reference for the Coastal and Environmental Management Advisory Committee are:

- Advise on integrated planning and management of the coast, floodplains, biodiversity and natural landscapes
- Provide advice in accordance to the principals of Ecologically Sustainable Development and relevant Federal, State and Local Government Policy and Legislation
- Inform the development and adoption of Coastal Zone Management and Floodplain Management Plans for the Eurobodalla Shire;
- Inform the development and review of natural resource management plans
- Incorporate the latest knowledge of climate change into coastal, floodplain and natural landscape planning to assist Council with the integration of adaptation strategies into planning policies and instruments
- Provide and review scientific advice and integrate this knowledge into the preparation and review of natural resource management plans
- Facilitate broader community participation in coastal, floodplain and natural resource management through informing and liaising with member community groups
- Foster opportunities for joint projects, information sharing and grant funding to facilitate comprehensive and cost effective coastal, floodplain and natural resource management
- Monitor State and Federal Government natural resource management direction and advise Council on appropriate response
- Make recommendations for Council consideration.

Title and Delegations

The Committee shall be referred to as the Coastal and Environmental Management Advisory Committee of Eurobodalla Shire Council.

The Committee will function as a non-delegated advisory and working group.

Objectives

Provide advice relating to the management of the coast, floodplains, biodiversity and natural landscapes of the Eurobodalla Shire.

Composition

The Committee shall consist of the following voting community representatives

- **Two Councillors** (chosen by Council)
- **Eleven (11) community members** who have been nominated by a community or business group preferably with wide membership (Appendix 1)
- **One (1)** representative forwarded by the **Aboriginal Advisory Committee**
- **Two (2) Science professionals** preferably with a speciality in coastal geomorphology, flooding and climate change.

Council:

Staff from Council, State Government Agencies and Bega Valley Shire Council will attend to provide technical advice and guidance. Council and Agency Staff will not have voting rights on the committee.

Variation to the Terms of Reference

These 'Terms of Reference' may be added to, repealed or amended by resolution of the Council in consultation with the Committee.

Contact Officer

The contact officer for the Committee is the Coastal and Flood Management Planner.

Appendix 1: Composition of Eurobodalla Coastal and Environmental Management Committee

Voting Committee Members

Councillors: 2

Other: 13

- Aboriginal Heritage Advisory Committee: 1
- Natural Resource Management: 2
- Primary Industry: 1
- Recreation: 1
- Business: 1
- Tourism: 1
- North (North of Clyde River): 1
- Batemans Bay (CBD to Malua Bay): 1
- North Central (Rosedale to Moruya River): 2
- South Central (South Head to Potato Point): 2
- South (Dalmeny to Akolele): 1
- Science: 2

Non-Voting Members

Council staff: 3

- Strategic Planning
- Environmental Services
- Minute secretary
- Others as required

Agency representatives (as required): 11

- Environment Planning - Environment and Heritage
- Environment and Planning - Planning NSW
- Environment and Planning - National Parks and Wildlife
- Department of Primary Industries - Fisheries
- Department of Primary Industries - Marine Estate Management Authority
- Department of Primary Industries - Crown Lands Division
- Forestry Corporation of NSW
- Roads and Maritime Services
- South East Local Land Services
- Bega Valley Shire Council
- Shoalhaven City Council

Total: 29