

Central Coastal Management Program Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: Monday, 31 March, 2025
Location: Jervis Bay Room, City Administrative Centre, Bridge Road, Nowra
Time: 4.00pm

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Membership

Clr White (Chairperson)
All other Councillors (Non-voting members)
CEO or nominee (Non-voting member)

Community representatives
Christopher Grounds
Graham John Connolly
Tony Thompson
Bob Pullinger
Julie Court
Samuel Dunnett

Representatives from Government Agencies:
Local Aboriginal Land Council
NSW State Emergency Services
Department of Planning, Environment and Industry (DPIE)
Other relevant Government Agency representatives

Quorum – Three (3) provided that a minimum of one (1) Councillor as the Chair or Acting chair and two community representatives are present.

Note: Any non-voting Councillor in attendance at any Committee meeting may act as an alternate voting member in circumstances where achievement of a quorum is required, noting that this doesn't apply when quorum specifies the quorum to require community member attendance.

Purpose

The principal objective of the Central Coastal Management Program Advisory Committee is to assist Shoalhaven City Council in the development and implementation of one or more Coastal Management Programs for the central area of the Council. This will need to be in accordance with the NSW Coastal Management Manual. The central area applies to the following coastal areas and estuaries:

- All Council managed beaches from Callala Bay in the north, to Cunjurong Point in the South
- St Georges Basin
- Jervis Bay
- Currumbene Creek
- Moona Moona Creek
- Currarong Creek
- Callala Creek
- Sussex Inlet
- Swan Lake
- Berrara Creek
- Shoalhaven Urban and Rural estuaries

Role

- a) To assist the Council in the development and implementation of the CMPs for the areas relevant to 'Purpose' (see above).
- b) To assist the Council monitoring and assessing the effectiveness of the CMPs during and after their implementation.

- c) To assist the Council by providing input into known coastal event(s) and erosion behaviour; and
- d) Facilitate broader community consultation and participation in coast and estuary management through informing and liaising with member community groups.

MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Date: Monday, 15 April 2024
Location: Osprey Room, Level 1, City Administrative Centre, Bridge Road, Nowra
Time: 5.03pm

The following members were present:

Clr Wells - Chairperson
Clr Patricia White
Clr Paul Ell
Clr John Kotlash (Remotely) Left at 5.40pm
Clr Matthew Norris (Remotely)
Mr Christopher Grounds
Mr Bob Pullinger
Ms Julie Court
Mr Samuel Dunnett (Remotely)
Mr Tony Thompson

Others present:

Mr James Ruprai – Director City Development
Mr Peter Swanson – Acting Lead – Environmental Services
Mr Nigel Smith – Lead Coastal Management
Mr Christopher Beadle – Water Technology
Mr Danny Wiecek – Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water
Mr Peter Hawkins – Transport for NSW
Ms Carla Ganassin – Department of Primary Industries - Fisheries
Mr Jason Carson – South East Local Land Services

Procedural Motion – Elect Acting Chairperson

RESOLVED (Clr Ell / Clr White)

That for the purposes of a combined meeting, Clr Wells be nominated as Acting Chairperson for the meeting today.

CARRIED

The Chairperson opened the meeting with an Acknowledgement of Country

Apologies / Leave of Absence

Nil

Confirmation of the Minutes

RESOLVED (By consent)

That the Minutes of the Central Coastal Management Program Advisory Committee held on Thursday 15 December 2022 be confirmed.

CARRIED

Declaration of Interests

Nil

REPORTS

CC24.1 Adoption of the Open Coast and Jervis Bay Coastal Management Program

HPERM Ref:
D24/123104

Note: Cllr Kotlash left at 5.40pm during the presentation.

Mr Christopher Beadle – Water Technology provided a presentation and overview of the Shoalhaven Open Coastline and Jervis Bay Coastal Management Program (Summary of Public Exhibition).

Below is a summary of the presentation (attached to the Minutes) and a snapshot of comments made:

- The CMP started a couple of years ago and has gone through a five (5) stage process.
- The next steps for the CMP are for Shoalhaven City Council to endorse its adoption so it can be submitted to the NSW Minister for Local Government for certification.
- The CMP had a long Public Exhibition (a legislative requirement) period from 29 November 2023 to 2 February 2024
- The feedback was received online, in person during information sessions and via email.
- Submissions varied, shortest was four (4) words, longest was 2726 words, average was 3-4 sentences. Some were general in nature, most were specific to an individual action and a small number were off topic to this CMP.
- Locations of interest were Huskisson/Vincentia, Callala Bay/Beach, Mollymook Beach and Hyams Beach.
- Interest generated was mostly related to themes of Dune Management, Beach Access, Erosion Risk and High Beach usage.
- Response to Submissions package has been prepared by the project team and formed part of the attachments of this meetings' agenda.
- Currently in the stage of finalising the CMP and getting letters of support from NSW State Government agencies.
- The Lake Conjola, Sussex Inlet/Swan Lake/Berrara Creek / St Georges Basin and the Lower Shoalhaven River CMP are nearing the end of Stage 3 and is intended that they will go out for Public exhibition during the Winter period, prior to the Local Government Elections in September 2024.
- Each one of those CMP's will have their own action plan

- In relation to funding, will have to re-evaluate as can only project so far.
- All 116 Actions in the Open Coast and Jervis Bay CMP have received a priority based on the urgency
- To make changes to the CMP, if there is new information or new issues etc it would involve going back through public exhibition and Council adoption and recertification by the Minister.
- There was discussion around holistic dune management across the whole of the Shoalhaven Coastline.
- There are specific actions in the CMP in relation to storm water management

Action – Mr James Ruprai – Director City Development will have a conversation out of committee with Mr Pullinger regarding Collingwood Beach and storm water issues

- An question was raised regarding training racehorses on beaches.

Action – Staff to initiate a discussion with the STC (Paul Wicks – CEO), Roger from Callala Foreshore Alliance and the local trainers regarding beach use and education.

- The Commonwealth has provided a funding agreement of \$1.5 Million for some estuaries
- The CMP business plan outlines proposed funding sources for all actions
- A point was made regarding all inclusive beach access
- The committee opened the conversation regarding the purpose of the committee going forward following the adoption of the CMP.

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the Committee endorse that the Open Coast and Jervis Bay Coastal Management Program (CMP) is provided to Council for adoption and submission to the Minister for Local Government for certification.

RESOLVED (By consent)

That the Committee endorse that the Open Coast and Jervis Bay Coastal Management Program (CMP) is provided to Council for adoption and submission to the Minister for Local Government for certification.

CARRIED

There being no further business, the meeting concluded, the time being 6.31pm.

Clr John Wells
ACTING CHAIRPERSON

CC25.1 Adoption of the Sussex Inlet, St Georges Basin, Swan Lake and Berrara Creek Coastal Management Program

HPERM Ref: D25/73001

Department: Environmental Services

Approver: Lindsay Usher, Acting Director - City Development

Attachments:

1. Final Draft Sussex Inlet, St Georges Basin, Swan Lake and Berrara Creek Coastal Management Program (under separate cover) [⇒](#)
2. Report - Sussex Inlet, St Georges Basin, Swan Lake and Berrara Creek Coastal Management Program – Public Exhibition Response to Submissions Document (under separate cover) [⇒](#)

Purpose:

To present to the Central Coastal Management Program (CMP) Advisory Committee (the Committee) the Sussex Inlet, St Georges Basin, Swan Lake and Berrara Creek CMP. The CMP is being presented to the Committee to request its endorsement for Council to adopt the CMP and for the CMP to subsequently be submitted to the relevant NSW Minister for certification, and then gazettal (pending certification).

Summary and Key Points for Consideration:

The Sussex Inlet, St Georges Basin, Swan Lake and Berrara Creek CMP has been developed in accordance with the legislative requirements and framework developed under the *Coastal Management Act 2016* (NSW). The development of the CMP has followed the required staged process and has involved the consideration of historical studies, completion of additional technical studies, and extensive consultation with the community and key stakeholders. The CMP comprises a program of integrated management actions responding to identified risks and opportunities that are to be implemented over a forward 10-year management timeframe under several overarching strategies. There are 66 management actions to be delivered through Stage 5 (Implementation) of the CMP.

A Business Plan has been developed that outlines the key components of the funding strategy for the CMP to implement the management actions. This includes the cost of proposed actions, proposed cost-sharing arrangements and other potential funding mechanisms. Delivery of the CMP is estimated to cost \$17.8 million (2025 dollars) over 10 years, with approximately \$6 million of this funding proposed to be coming from Council.

Following the completion of the public exhibition of the CMP (17 February to 17 March 2025), as required under legislation, the CMP has been finalised and is being presented to the Committee to gain their support and endorsement before the CMP is presented to Council to request their adoption. Following this, the CMP is required to be submitted to the relevant NSW Minister for certification before Council can gazette the CMP and then commence Stage 5 (Implementation).

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the Committee endorse the Sussex Inlet, St Georges Basin, Swan Lake and Berrara Creek Coastal Management Program (CMP) being provided to Council for adoption and submission to the relevant NSW Minister for certification.

Options

1. As recommended.

Implications: Endorsing Council's adoption of the CMP will support the finalisation and certification of this document, and subsequent implementation by Council. This CMP provides an integrated and strategic approach to the management of the Sussex Inlet, St Georges Basin, Swan Lake and Berrara Creek coastal zone consistent with the objectives of the *Coastal Management Act 2016* and has integrated community feedback following substantial consultation. Once certified, Council can proceed with the implementation of the identified management actions to ensure the comprehensive, risk-based management and mitigation of coastal hazards within the CMP Study Area to meet the needs of the community.

2. Seek further modification to the draft Sussex Inlet, St Georges Basin, Swan Lake and Berrara Creek CMP.

Implications: Additional modifications to the draft CMP, if significant, would require further public exhibition and reporting back to the Committee and Council. Under such a scenario, additional Council time and budget would be required for the Project Team to complete this work, which would delay the implementation of high priority management actions to address coastal hazards. This will also place further demands on community members who have already provided significant input into the development of this CMP. This project has been funded by the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) Coast and Estuary Grants Program with a one-third contribution by Council. Applications for additional funding and time, if significant, are likely not to be successful due to several variations already approved on this project and is dependent on available funding allocations from the NSW State Government and Council.

CC25.1

Background and Supplementary information

In accordance with the *Coastal Management Act 2016* (NSW) (CM Act), local councils are to prepare CMPs to meet the objectives of the CM Act. The CMP covers and apply to the coastal zone of Sussex Inlet, St Georges Basin, Swan Lake and Berrara Creek – as legally defined in the CM Act and the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Resilience and Hazards) 2021* (RH SEPP). The Study Area for the purposes of the CMP extends from the respective lake and inlet entrances of Sussex Inlet, Swan Lake and Berrara Creek and extends westward to cover each estuary to the mapped Coastal Environment Area as prescribed by the RH SEPP.

The CMP has been developed in accordance with the CM Act and the staged process for developing and implementing a CMP, as detailed in the NSW Coastal Management Manual. The stages completed to support this CMP include the preparation of:

- **Stage 1 – Shoalhaven Coastal Management Program Scoping Study:** This included a review of relevant background information, a first-pass risk assessment, a data gap analysis, and formulation of a plan for the development of the suite of CMPs covering the Shoalhaven's coastline and estuaries.
- **Stage 2 – Risks, Vulnerabilities and Opportunities:** This included a detailed assessment of the various threats and risks affecting the environmental, social, cultural, and economic assets and values of Sussex Inlet, St Georges Basin, Swan Lake and Berrara Creek and resulted in the development of the following reports:

- *Foreshore Erosion Assessment Report.* Involved a field-based risk assessment of erosion and foreshore issues affecting the estuary health of St Georges Basin, Sussex Inlet, Swan Lake and Berrara Creek.
- *Water Quality and Estuary Health Studies.* Involved the assessment of existing water quality data for each estuary area to determine the current estuary health condition, assess water quality suitability for recreational activity, and assess the adequacy of Council's existing monitoring and reporting program.
- *Tidal and Coastal Inundation Study.* Involved the completion of a hydrodynamic modelling study to characterise key risks to infrastructure and the coastal environment area from inundation in the present day and in the future as a result of sea level rise and climate change.
- *Boating Study.* Provided an assessment of boating infrastructure within the CMP Study Area and included field inspections by coastal engineers and scientists from the Project Team, and targeted community and stakeholder engagement program directly relating to boating and navigation issues within the St Georges Basin and Sussex Inlet areas.
- *Swan Lake and Berrara Creek Entrance Management Review.* Involved a review of the existing Entrance Management Policy for Swan Lake and consideration of entrance management at Berrara Creek.
- *Stage 2 Detailed Risk Assessment.* Describes the range of, extent, and potential impact of threats posed by coastal hazards on the attributes, as well as providing initial consideration of potential mitigation options and actions.
- *St Georges Basin/Sussex Inlet, Swan Lake and Berrara Creek CMP Stage 2 Synthesis Report.* Provided a synthesis of relevant information on the health of the estuaries based on the Stage 2 studies, the Stage 1 Scoping Study, and any other prior plans/studies.
- **Stage 3 – Sussex Inlet, St Georges Basin, Swan Lake and Berrara Creek CMP Stage 3: Identify and Evaluate Options Summary Report:** This included stakeholder engagement and options analysis to identify and prioritise coastal management actions that can effectively address issues and risks, take advantage of new opportunities, and give effect to the objectives of the CM Act.
- **Stage 4 – Sussex Inlet, St Georges Basin, Swan Lake and Berrara Creek Coastal Management Program:** This included the preparation of a draft CMP for public exhibition and the finalisation of the CMP following the exhibition. This document outlines the identified management actions and business plan for their implementation over a 10-year period. It is this document that is being presented to the Committee to endorse Council's adoption.

The CMP comprises a program of integrated management actions that are intended to address key issues, and harness new opportunities for the management of the Sussex Inlet, St Georges Basin, Swan Lake and Berrara Creek coastal zone. It outlines specific actions that are to be implemented over a forward 10-year management timeframe under several overarching categories for managing the coastal zone, which include:

- Cultural and Social Issues
- Ecological Environment
- Foreshore Erosion
- Inundation and Sea Level Rise

- Navigation and Safety
- Water Quality

These overarching strategies are also supplemented by three Local Area Action Plans that detail management actions to be implemented at specific locations throughout the CMP Study Area. The Local Area Action Plans are as follows:

- St Georges Basin/Sussex Inlet
- Swan Lake
- Berrara Creek

This has resulted in the development of a total of 66 management actions to be delivered through Stage 5 (Implementation) of the CMP over the next 10-years.

A Business Plan has been developed which outlines the key components of the funding strategy for the CMP to implement the management actions, including the cost of proposed actions, proposed cost-sharing arrangements, and other potential funding mechanisms. Delivery of the CMP is estimated to cost \$17.8 million (2025 dollars) over 10 years, with approximately \$6 million of this funding proposed to be coming from Council.

Sustainable funding and financing arrangements for management actions will be established in consultation with key stakeholders. Funding for management actions may be gained from various sources, including competitive State and Federal Government grant programs and Council's internal funds.

The CMP document is being presented to the Committee to gain their support and endorsement before the CMP is presented to Council to request their adoption. Following this, the CMP is required to be submitted to the relevant NSW Minister for certification before Council can gazette the CMP and then commence Stage 5 (Implementation).

Internal Consultations

Throughout Stages 1-4 of the CMP development, internal consultation was carried out within Council. This included consultations across and within Council Directorates to obtain feedback on the existing coastal hazards, risks and opportunities within the Sussex Inlet, St Georges Basin, Swan Lake and Berrara Creek coastal zone, as well as the development and implementation of proposed management actions. For actions that involve the construction of new or upgrade of existing Council assets, asset custodians were consulted to ensure integrated and consistent delivery of works across Council. Internal consultations will be ongoing throughout the implementation of the CMP.

External Consultations

Throughout Stages 1-4 of the CMP development, external consultation was carried with a range of representatives from NSW State Government agencies and Non-Government Organisations. These included:

- NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW)
- NSW Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) – Fisheries
- NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) – Crown Lands and Planning
- Transport for NSW (TfNSW)

- National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS)
- State Emergency Services (SES)
- Local Land Services (LLS)
- Jerrinja Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC)
- Jerrinja Tribal Group

Consultations were undertaken to obtain feedback on the existing coastal hazards, risks and opportunities within the CMP Study Area, as well as the development and implementation of proposed management actions. Through this process external entities provided information to support Council in developing a CMP that meets statutory obligations for the management of the coastal zone within the CMP Study Area. Following the completion of the CMP Public Exhibition Period, Council will seek letters of support from the relevant NSW State Government agencies listed as supporting agencies within the CMP. These letters are required for submission of the CMP for certification by the relevant NSW Minister. To date, all agencies have expressed in principle support for the CMP.

The management actions within the CMP identify where these external entities have been identified as a 'supporting partner' in the implementation of the management actions. Council will continue to engage with these entities throughout the implementation of the CMP and to ensure that the relevant legislation under each of their jurisdictional boundaries is appropriately complied with.

Community Consultations

Stakeholder and community engagement has been implemented progressively through each stage of the CMP. The various engagements were coordinated and developed in line with CMP Engagement Guidelines developed by the NSW State Government (DCCEEW), the Shoalhaven City Council Community Engagement Strategy, and the use of the International Association for Public Participation (IAP2) guidelines. This included engagement with Traditional Owner Groups, local communities, and public authorities through a range of methods – including workshops, drop-in sessions, surveys, one-on-one meetings and interactive online map-based platforms. The draft CMP document outlines the community consultation process employed throughout the lifecycle of the CMP.

To summarise the feedback received during Stages 2 and 3 of the development of the CMP a 'closing the loop' summary document was prepared at the completion of each stage and are available on the project *Get Involved* webpage (linked below). The intention of these summary documents was to provide responses to all submissions received on the risks, vulnerabilities and opportunities identified by the community for the CMP, as well as the potential management actions considered for the CMP. The document outlines how and where feedback had been considered in the process of developing of management actions as presented in the Stage 4 draft CMP document.

The draft CMP was on public exhibition from 17 February to 17 March 2025 to obtain final stakeholder feedback on the proposed management actions included in the draft CMP. Council is required under the CM Act to publicly exhibit the draft CMP for a period of at least 28 days, which was achieved as part of this public exhibition period. The public exhibition process involved:

- Provision of the document electronically on the Shoalhaven City Council *Get Involved* webpage for the project: <https://getinvolved.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/sussexinlet-stgeorgesbasin-berrara-swanlake-cmp> and the *Documents on Exhibition* section of the Council website.

Other engagement methods deployed during the Public Exhibition Period included *Get Involved* page posts and updates, and direct emails to Council community and stakeholder participation lists.

The following summarises the engagement achieved throughout the public exhibition process:

- 701 visits to the project *Get Involved* page
- 34 downloads/views of the draft CMP document
- 13 online submissions on the draft CMP through the *Get Involved* page or via email.

Following the public exhibition period, the draft CMP has been updated based on the submissions received. A response to submissions (RTS) has also been prepared and is available as an appendix to the final CMP (Attachment 2 to this report) outlining how each submission has been considered in the finalisation of the CMP document.

Policy and Statutory Implications

The CMP has been prepared in accordance with the NSW Coastal Management Framework that is governed by the CM Act. Council has prepared the CMP giving regard to the relevant legislation, environmental planning instruments and statutory guidelines applicable to the coastal zone within the CMP Study Area. Furthermore, as part of the CMP development process, DCCEEW is required to confirm that the CMP satisfies the objectives of the CM Act and the mandatory requirements for a CMP as set out in the Coastal Management Manual. DCCEEW has indicated in principle support for the draft CMP and is currently reviewing the final CMP to confirm that it meets the objectives of the CM Act and mandatory requirements for a CMP.

The CMP has also been prepared considering existing Council Policies for the management of the foreshore and coastal environment including, but not limited to, Council's Tree Management Policy (Public Land) (POL21/51), Vegetation Vandalism Prevention Policy (POL22/24), and the Foreshore Reserves Policy (POL19/76). In addition, the CMP has been prepared giving consideration to Council's suite of CMPs, notably the certified and gazetted Shoalhaven Open Coast and Jervis Bay CMP, to ensure consistent management of the coastal zone throughout the Shoalhaven.

The CMP is considered a 'living document' that is to be reviewed and updated continually throughout its lifecycle. A strategic review of the CMP should occur at least once every ten years to assess the effectiveness of the CMP in achieving its objectives and to incorporate changes, considering new information, legislative and policy changes, and improved understanding of the local coastal and estuarine processes.

Following the certification of the CMP, existing resolutions from Council meetings relating to coastal management that have been actioned by Council will be superseded, with the CMP to become the overarching strategy for the management of the coastal zone. As outlined above, the CMP has been developed considering Council's statutory obligations for coastal management as outlined with the CM Act, Council's existing policies relevant to the coastal environment, best practice coastal management as documented within State guidelines and literature, as well as the outcomes of extensive consultation with the community and NSW State Government agencies over the preceding years. Subsequently, it is considered the CMP will be the primary mechanism for Council to manage the coastal zone of Sussex Inlet, St Georges Basin, Swan Lake and Berrara Creek in an integrated and holistic way.

Financial Implications

The CMP has been prepared by Council with funding assistance received from NSW DCCEEW through a Coast and Estuaries Grant. This grant funding has provided a two-thirds contribution from the NSW State Government for the completion of the CMP. Delivery of the CMP is estimated to cost \$17.8 million (2025) over 10 years, with approximately \$6 million of this funding to come from Council, which will be subject to inclusion in the long-term financial plan.

Following the certification of the CMP, Council will be eligible to apply for grant funding for the implementation of management actions through the DCCEEW Coastal and Estuary Implementation Stream Grants. This funding has been specifically created to provide a two-to-one funding ratio for actions within a certified CMP. This grant funding program is contestable, prioritised to Council applications with certified CMPs and subject to NSW State Government funding priorities and allocations. However, the availability of these funding opportunities provides a clear indication of the financial benefits a certified CMP provides to Council for the implementation of the management actions identified through the CMP.

Risk Implications

Consideration of Risk in the CMP process

A First Pass Risk Assessment was completed in the Stage 1 Scoping Study for the Shoalhaven CMPs. This provided a high-level assessment the various issues, vulnerabilities, and opportunities affecting the Sussex Inlet, St Georges Basin, Swan Lake and Berrara Creek coastal zone. The risk assessment was further refined in Stage 2 of the CMP and included an updated and detailed risk assessment of coastal hazards. This involved identifying and assessing risks and benefits to environmental, social, and economic values across each estuary, with the aim of informing the development of management options in Stages 3 and 4.

The risk-based framework applied in Stage 2 was consistent with those applied in Council's existing coastal hazard risk assessment, and the CMP Stage 1 Scoping Study, as well as Council's organisational Risk Management Framework. This risk assessment approach was also developed to be consistent with the following standards and guidelines:

- ISO 31000:2018 Risk management – Principles and guidelines, provides principles, framework, and a process for managing risk (International Standards Organisation, 2018).
- Part B of the NSW Coastal Management Manual (OEH, 2018).

The risk assessment considered and quantified a wide range of threats and the hazards they present for the relevant coastal management areas (as defined in the RH SEPP) within the coastal zone of each estuary. The potential impact of these threats was evaluated for several key interconnected risk assessment themes, comprising public safety, infrastructure, environmental, and public amenity. The indicative control measures identified against each risk were used as the basis for further prioritisation and refinement of management actions in Stage 3 of the CMP process.

As required by the CM Act, the key risks and threats have been considered over a range of timeframes, including the present day, as well as future planning horizons 20 years, 50 years, and 100 years – to account for future climate changes impacts, and the impacts of population growth and future development on the coastal zone.

Risk of not adopting the recommendations of this report

Additional modifications to the draft CMP, if significant, would require further public exhibition of the draft document and reporting back to the Committee and Council. Under such a

scenario, additional time and budget would be required for the Project Team to complete this work, which would delay the implementation of high priority management actions. This project has been funded by the NSW DCCEE Coastal and Estuary Grants Program with a one-third contribution by Council. Applications for additional funding, if significant, are likely to not be successful due to several variations already approved on this project and is dependent on available funding allocations from the NSW State Government and Council.

There is also a risk that modification of the CMP, if not consistent with the Coastal Management Manual could lead to the Minister not certifying the document. Should this occur, this would limit councils ability to apply for grant funding through the Coast and Estuaries Program funding.