

# Meeting Summary



## Stockton Beach Taskforce

December 2023

### Details

- Location:** Yapung Meeting Room (No. 15)  
Level 2, 117 Bull St  
Newcastle West
- Date/time:** Tuesday 19 December 2023  
1pm to 2pm
- 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. Stockton Community Liaison Group
7. 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 and apologies noted.

#### Declaration of conflicts of interest:

Nil.

#### Update from Minister Moriarty:

Significant progress has been made to deliver initial sand nourishment as part of the Four Point Plan endorsed by the June 2023 Taskforce meeting.

Minister Moriarty recognised the significant achievements that have occurred over the past few months and thanked all for making it happen.

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With the completion of key milestones and the transition to the delivery of the Election Commitment by Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) under the Blueprint, the Minister has asked Minister Catley, in her capacity of Minister for the Hunter, to assume the role of Chair. The Minister for the Hunter will continue to support the community and keep this important work moving in the right direction.

Minister Moriarty is proud that since the NSW Government stepped in to steer the initial stage of sand renourishment, 130,000 cubic metres of sand has been delivered for the people of Stockton to start making a real difference.

The Minister for the Environment, Minister Sharpe, will take this initial work and now lead the NSW Government's \$21 million commitment to support mass sand renourishment at Stockton through the Blueprint.

To reflect this change the Terms of Reference have been updated.

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#### **Updated Terms of Reference (ToR):**

The updated ToR will be circulated with the meeting minutes.

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

- Amenity renourishment was completed during October/November (Part A). Total volume placed was 130,000m<sup>3</sup>.
- CERMP work (Parts B and C) is to progress the required further investigations of identified areas in the North Arm & off-shore
- Key focus during 2023 has been the delivery of the Part A works. The Part A work informed the current work on parts B & C.

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#### **Presentation on the Stockton Beach Repair Blueprint by Department of Planning and Environment**

- DPE presented the draft blueprint to the Taskforce in September 2023 and presented the final blueprint to the December 2023 Taskforce meeting.
- DPE has prepared a short, community friendly and accessible blueprint that sets out the NSW Government's approach to delivering the project. The 'Stockton Beach Repair Blueprint' was published by the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water in December 2023.
- The blueprint clearly sets out the various initiatives, activities and delivery partners who are working on reducing coastal risks and improving the usability of Stockton Beach.
- DPE has developed the blueprint in consultation with NSW Government agencies and the Stockton Taskforce members and their organisations.

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#### **Quarterly Report Progress**

Working together, Department of Regional NSW and City of Newcastle have produced the second draft quarterly progress report which was circulated with the meeting papers. It will be finalised and published on Thursday 21 December 2023.

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#### **Update on Community Information Sessions**

A community drop-in session was held in Stockton on 24 October 2023.

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#### **General Business:**

Nil.

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#### **Next Meeting:**

The next meeting date to be set following the release of the 2024 Parliament sitting calendar.

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