

COCKBURN SOUND MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Summary of Meeting on 30 June 2017

Update from the Chair

The Chair provided members with an overview of her meeting with the Interim Director General of the new Department of Water and Environmental Regulation and her teleconference with the Minister for Environment.

Review of Cockburn Sound Water Quality Monitoring Programs

The Council received an overview of the recommendations from the review of the Cockburn Sound water quality monitoring programs undertaken by the Expert Advisory Panel. The Council endorsed the recommendations of the Expert Advisory Panel and will progress with developing an indicative budget and schedule for implementing the recommendations. The Council will provide advice and recommendations to the Minister for Environment on the proposed changes to the Cockburn Sound water quality monitoring programs, including the benefits and estimated costs for implementing the changes.

Proposal to make Cockburn Sound Environmental Monitoring Data available on the Cockburn Sound Management Council's website

The Council received a presentation on a proposal to develop a 'Cockburn Sound environmental monitoring data presentation tool'. It is proposed that this tool will form the basis for the future presentation of water quality monitoring data (and other monitoring data) on the Council's website. Members supported the development of the data presentation tool.

Cockburn Sound Drivers–Pressures–State–Impacts–Responses (DPSIR) Assessment

BMT Oceanica provided an update on the Cockburn Sound DPSIR assessment, including:

- A summary of stakeholder feedback and identification of key environmental issues raised through stakeholder consultation.
- A synthesis of key findings relating to water quality, marine fauna, fisheries, ecosystem function and climate change.

The State of Cockburn Sound fisheries

The Department of Fisheries provided an update on the status of Cockburn Sound fisheries, including:

- The Cockburn Sound Line and Pot fishery.
- The Cockburn Sound Fish Net fishery.
- The West Coast Purse Seine Fishery.
- The Cockburn Sound Crab fishery.