

# COCKBURN SOUND MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

## Summary of Meeting on 9 December 2016

### **Briefing by the Department of Defence**

The Department of Defence provided the Council with an overview of the results of the per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) preliminary sampling program at HMAS Stirling (Garden Island) and the National Environment Protection (Assessment of Site Contamination) Measure 1999 (NEPM) compliant environmental investigation which will commence in 2017.

### **Priority Research/Investigative Studies**

The Council received an update on the progress with the implementation of the five priority research projects:

- Seagrass/benthic habitat mapping
- Drivers of seagrass decline
- Drivers, Pressures, State, Impact, Response Assessment for Cockburn Sound
- Nitrogen Budget for Cockburn Sound
- Review of the Cockburn Sound water quality monitoring program.

### **Review of 2016 and Priorities for 2017**

The Chair provided an overview of the work undertaken by the Council in 2016 and the priorities for 2017. The priorities for 2017 include:

- Implementation of priority research projects.
- Implementation of the Communications Plan.
- Preparation of the report to the Minister for Environment on the results of the 2016–2017 environmental monitoring in the Cockburn Sound marine area.
- Preparation of the three-yearly report to the Minister for Environment on the overall state of the Cockburn Sound marine area.

### **Presentations**

The Council received two presentations:

- *Restoration of Cockburn Sound: Modern Challenges and Future Directions*, Professor Gary Kendrick, University of Western Australia.
- *A Nitrogen Budget for Cockburn Sound and its Implications for Understanding Factors Affecting Water Quality on Cockburn Sound*, Dr Jim Greenwood, CSIRO.