

Collingwood Beach Preservation Group Monthly Report – April 2017

1. The Collingwood Beach Dune Vegetation Management Plan “CBDVMP”.

This is work in progress. Next steps are review by NGH, a Coastal Expert and report to Council by June '17.

2. Coastal Zone Management Plan “CZMP”

This is work in progress. The CZMP and mapping on Department of Planning site is to be updated for latest Coastal Hazard Mapping.

3. Sea Level Rise Policy “SLR”.

A talk and presentation was made to Councillors on 22nd March by Dr Howard Brady, a scientist with expert understandings of sea level rise and the Shoalhaven. It is understood to have been an “excellent presentation”.

4. Coastal Hazzard Mapping

It is understood Councils original objective for Advisian to perform the review of the submissions from the public on the Coastal Hazzard’s Report has been considered to be too costly (\$7,000). The review of the submissions will now be undertaken by staff.

It is not known if a cost benefit analysis was undertaken to determine if there is a real benefit considering wages still need to be paid and if there are extra costs if Council does not have the modelling tools, software and expertise to undertake any appropriate technical review.

It is recommended that to avoid any conflict of interest, it would be more appropriate for a Coastal Expert other than Advisian, to undertake a peer review of the technical submission made by the CBPG.

The CBPG will make a deputation in relation to the Advisian report probably to be put to Council on 18 May.

5. Coastal Reforms – Stage 2.

The State Government has yet to confirm if Minister Roberts will take over the responsibilities for the Coastal Reforms as part of the handover of the Minister for Planning’s responsibilities from Minister Rob Stokes. The CBPG met with Hon Shelley Hancock MP in March to discuss the status of the Coastal Reforms.

J Stuchbery Chairman

Collingwood Beach Preservation Group

MOTION :

**Collingwood Beach Preservation Group – Sub Committee Monthly Report
The CCB adopts the sub committee’s report and that the Minutes including the report be distributed to All Councillors.**