

COCKBURN SOUND MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Summary of Meeting on 7 October 2016

The Chair's meeting with the Minister for Environment

The Chair provided members with an overview of her meeting with the Minister for Environment.

Implementation of the Cockburn Sound Management Council's Communications Plan

The Council received an update on the status of the actions identified in the Communications Action Plan. Discussions focussed on identifying opportunities for the Council to engage with local governments and the broader community.

2015–2016 Annual Environmental Monitoring Report

The Council received an overview of the results from the 2015–2016 annual environmental monitoring in Cockburn Sound. Members were advised that the draft 2015–2016 Report Card would be circulated after the meeting for their review.

Update on the collation of Cockburn Sound monitoring programs and research projects

The Council received an overview of a report collating information on monitoring programs and research projects in Cockburn Sound. The Chair noted that the report provides an invaluable framework for the Council and thanked all those organisations/stakeholders that had provided information for the report. The report will be published on the Council's website.

Priority Research/Investigative Studies

The Council received an overview of the work progressed by the Research Priorities Working Group since the last meeting. The Council endorsed 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.

Presentation

The Council received a presentation on the Cockburn Sound Crab Fishery from the Department of Fisheries.