



Central Coast Council

Extraordinary Council Meeting

Held in the Council Chamber
2 Hely Street, Wyong

06 May 2025

MINUTES

Present

Mayor Lawrie McKinna (remotely)
Deputy Mayor Doug Eaton OAM (Acting Mayor)
Councillor Margot Castles
Councillor Helen Crowley
Councillor Kyla Daniels
Councillor Corinne Lamont (remotely)
Councillor Kyle MacGregor (remotely)
Councillor Trent McWaide
Councillor John Moulard
Councillor Belinda Neal (remotely)
Councillor Jane Smith
Councillor Rachel Stanton
Councillor Sharon Walsh
Councillor Jared Wright

In Attendance

David Farmer	Chief Executive Officer
Boris Bolgoff	Director Infrastructure Services
Shannon Turkington	Acting Director Environment and Planning
Marissa Racomelara	Director Corporate Services
Shann Mitchell	Unit Manager Environmental Compliance Services
Luke Sulkowski	Unit Manager Environmental Management
Louise Rampling	Unit Manager Governance Risk and Legal
Martin Ball	Solicitor Governance Risk and Legal

Notes

Acting Mayor, Doug Eaton OAM, declared the meeting open at 4:01pm and advised in accordance with the Code of Meeting Practice that the meeting was being recorded.

The Acting Mayor read an Acknowledgment of Country.

PROCEDURAL ITEMS

1.1 Attendance by Councillors at Meetings by Audio-Visual Link

4:01 PM

A PROCEDURAL MOTION was *MOVED* by Deputy Mayor EATON OAM and *SECONDED* by Councillor MCNAMARA:

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That Council:

- 1 Approves the request by Mayor Lawrie McKinna to attend the Extraordinary Council Meeting on 6 May 2025 at 4:00pm by audio-visual link, as he is unable to attend in person due to his current location.***
- 2 Approves the request by Councillor Belinda Neal to attend the Extraordinary Council Meeting on 6 May 2025 at 4:00pm by audio-visual link, as she is unable to attend in person due to her current location.***
- 3 Approves the request by Councillor Corinne Lamont to attend the Extraordinary Council Meeting on 6 May 2025 at 4:00pm by audio-visual link, as she is unable to attend in person due to her current location.***
- 4 Approves the request by Councillor Kyle MacGregor to attend the Extraordinary Council Meeting on 6 May 2025 at 4:00pm by audio-visual link, as he is unable to attend in person due to his current location.***

CARRIED

UNANIMOUS

1.2 Disclosure of Interest

4:03 PM

No disclosures of interest were declared.

REPORTS

2.1 Coastal Erosion at Wamberal and North Entrance

4:07 PM

A MOTION was *MOVED* by Councillor McWaide and *SECONDED* by Councillor Daniels:

That Council

- 1 Calls on the Premier of NSW to declare a state of emergency due to severe coastal erosion at Wamberal and North Entrance posing significant, widespread and ongoing risk to lives and property.*
- 2 Convenes a further extraordinary meeting on Tuesday 13 May 2025, in the event that the Premier does not declare a state of emergency by 3:00pm on Friday 9 May 2025. The aim of the Extraordinary Council Meeting is for staff to report on possible solutions and for Council to decide on actions.*
- 3 Recognises that it is impractical in a coastal erosion emergency for affected owners to submit Development Applications for approval of even temporary emergency works due to statutory obligations and timeframes and calls on the State Government to develop rapid approval frameworks to cater for residents in such situations.*

A FORESHADOWED MOTION WAS *MOVED* by Councillor MACGREGOR:

That Council

- 1 Convenes a further extraordinary meeting on Tuesday 13 May 2025, in the event that the Premier does not declare a state of emergency by 3:00pm on Friday 9 May 2025. The aim of the ECM is for staff to report on possible solutions and for Council to decide on actions.*
- 2 Requests an urgent meeting with the Premier, relevant state Ministers and relevant Federal Government representatives, the Mayor, the Chief Executive Officer and interested Councillors no later than 2 weeks from this date to address this issue.*

AN AMENDMENT WAS PROPOSED by Councillor NEAL which was ruled as a foreshadowed motion by the Chair:

That Council

- 1 Calls on the Premier of NSW to declare a state of emergency due to severe coastal erosion at Wamberal and North Entrance posing significant, widespread and ongoing risk to lives and property where the declaration is recommended by the Local Emergency Services Committee in accordance with long standing protocol and respect*

for the emergency staff that act on behalf of the Central Coast.

- 2 *Convenes a further extraordinary meeting on Tuesday 13 May 2025, in the event that the Premier does not declare a state of emergency by 3:00pm on Friday 9 May 2025. The aim of the Extraordinary Council Meeting is for staff to report on possible solutions and for Council to decide on actions.*

- 3 *Recognises that it is impractical in a coastal erosion emergency for affected owners to submit with the usual timings for Development Applications for approval of even temporary emergency works due to statutory obligations and timeframes and that Council prepare rapid approval frameworks to cater for residents in such situations.*

MOTION OF DISSENT WAS *MOVED* by Councillor NEAL:

Against the Chair's ruling that the proposed amendment was actually a foreshadowed motion.

The Motion was put to the vote and declared LOST

FOR: CRS MACGREGOR, CASTLES, CROWLEY, WALSH, NEAL, SMITH AND LAMONT

AGAINST: CRS MCKINNA, MOULAND, DANIELS, EATON OAM, STANTON, MCWAIDE, WRIGHT AND MCNAMARA

Councillor Stanton proposed an amendment extending the motions of 'Central Coast' beaches.

Cr Castles queried whether broadening the motion to include Central Coast Beaches as opposed to Wamberal and North Entrance was outside the scope of the Notice of Extraordinary Meeting.

The Chair ruled that to avoid any doubt, he would rule that the broadening of the matter to be considered to include "Central Coast Beaches" was a matter of great urgency.

A PROCEDURAL MOTION WAS *MOVED* by Deputy Mayor EATON OAM:

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That Council considers the matter in relation to severe coastal erosion across Central Coast beaches to be of great urgency for the purposes of the meeting.

The Motion was put to the vote and declared **CARRIED**

FOR: CRS MCKINNA, MOULAND, DANIELS, LAMONT, EATON OAM, STANTON, MCWAIDE, WRIGHT AND MCNAMARA

AGAINST: CRS MACGREGOR, CASTLES, CROWLEY, WALSH, NEAL AND SMITH

AN AMENDMENT WAS *MOVED* by Councillor LAMONT:

That Council provides a legal position/duties/ramification on acting, or not acting, on what impacted property owners are requesting from Council to the community.

The Chair ruled that the amendment lapsed due to want of a seconder.

Debate resumed on the MOTION.

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That Council

- 1 Calls on the Premier of NSW to declare a state of emergency due to severe coastal erosion across Central Coast beaches posing significant, widespread and ongoing risk to lives and property.**
- 2 Convenes a further extraordinary meeting on Tuesday 13 May 2025, in the event that the Premier does not declare a state of emergency by 3:00pm on Friday 9 May 2025. The aim of the Extraordinary Council Meeting is for staff to report on possible solutions and for Council to decide on actions.**
- 3 Recognises that it is impractical in a coastal erosion emergency for affected owners to submit Development Applications for approval of even temporary emergency works due to statutory obligations and timeframes and calls on the State Government to develop rapid approval frameworks to cater for residents in such situations.**
- 4 Calls on the Minister for Emergency Services to issue a Natural Disaster Declaration in respect of the Tuggerah Lakes flooding of May 2025.**
- 5 Requests an urgent meeting with the Premier, relevant state Ministers, relevant Federal Government representatives, the Mayor, the Chief Executive Officer and interested Councillors no later than 2 weeks from this date to address this issue.**

Councillor Stanton also proposed the inclusion of a new point 4 which reads 'Calls on the Minister for Emergency Services to issue a Natural Disaster Declaration in respect of the Tuggerah lakes flooding of May 2025'.

The motion was varied with the agreement of the Mover and Seconder to include points 4 and 5 and to a point 1, substitute "Wamberal and North Entrance" with "Central Coast Beaches".

The Motion was put to the vote and declared **CARRIED**

FOR: CRS MCKINNA, MOULAND, DANIELS, EATON OAM, STANTON, MCWAIDE, WRIGHT AND MCNAMARA

AGAINST: CRS MACGREGOR, CASTLES, CROWLEY, WALSH, NEAL, SMITH AND LAMONT

The Meeting closed at 4.57 pm.