



Central Coast Council

Extraordinary Council Meeting

Held in the Council Chambers
2 Hely Street, Wyong

13 May 2025

MINUTES

Present

Mayor Lawrie McKinna
Deputy Mayor Doug Eaton OAM
Councillor Margot Castles
Councillor Helen Crowley
Councillor Kyla Daniels
Councillor Corinne Lamont
Councillor Kyle MacGregor
Councillor Trent McWaide
Councillor John Mouland
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 (remotely)
Shannon Turkington	Acting Director Environment and Planning
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
Stephen Dignam	Unit Manager Roads Construction and Maintenance

Notes

Mayor McKinna, declared the meeting open at 4:00pm and advised in accordance with the Code of Meeting Practice that the meeting was being recorded.

The Mayor read an Acknowledgement of Country.

PROCEDURAL ITEMS

1.1 Disclosure of Interest

4:02 PM

No disclosures of interests were declared.

1.2 Apologies and Attendance by Councillors at Meetings by Audio-Visual Link

4:02 PM

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

669/25

That Council approves the request by Councillor Neal to attend the Extraordinary Council Meeting on 13 May 2025 at 4:00pm by audio-visual link in accordance with clause 6.24 of the Code of Meeting Practice as she is unable to attend in person due to her location.

CARRIED

FOR: UNANIMOUS

REPORTS

2.1 Council Response to Coastal Erosion at Central Coast Beaches specifically Wamberal and The Entrance North

4:03 PM

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

670/25

That Council:

- 1 Notes the correspondence received from the Premier of New South Wales, the Hon. Chris Minns MP, dated Friday 9 May 2025 and formally received by Council on Monday 12 May 2025, in relation to the ongoing coastal erosion issues on the Central Coast.***

- 2 Acknowledges the need for urgent and coordinated action in response to escalating coastal erosion, which is placing properties and public safety at significant risk on multiple Central Coast beach locations.**
- 3 Notes a meeting has been scheduled with the relevant Ministers this Thursday, to discuss immediate and long-term solutions to the coastal erosion crisis.**
- 4 Defers the issuing of any orders under Section 124 of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW) until after the aforementioned meeting with the Ministers, in order to pursue a unified response and clarify responsibilities and support from the NSW Government.**
- 5 Directs the Chief Executive Officer to immediately commence engagement of suitably qualified professional experts, including a structural engineer and a coastal engineer, to undertake assessments of impacted properties at Central Coast beaches and identify any that may be subject to imminent structural failure or pose risks to human life either now or in the event of further coastal erosion and recommend temporary emergency protection work for such properties. Such assessments may have regard to any reports provided by property owners from experts engaged by the owners. This to be funded from the Chief Executive Officer's special projects budget to a maximum of \$50,000.**
- 6 Requests that, for properties identified by the relevant experts, and subject to legal advice, the Chief Executive Officer consider giving appropriate orders under Section 124 of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW) for emergency coastal protection works recommended by such experts to mitigate the risk to life, property and the environment from further erosion.**
- 7 Council will not consider giving an order under Section 124 unless satisfied that:**
 - a) The proposed works are in the nature of emergency coastal protection works.**
 - b) The proposed works are in accordance with expert advice.**
 - c) The proposed works are not likely to adversely impact other properties.**
 - d) Where the proposed works extend to other land that is not the subject of an associated Section 124 notice, the owner of the other land has provided an irrevocable authority in writing to the owner of the property to be protected to carry out the proposed works on the other land.**
 - e) The irrevocable authority extends to the removal of the works or part of the works carried out on the other land, if required by the council.**
 - f) Any irrevocable authority given by the council, as owner of the land, is on terms reasonably acceptable to the council as owner, including as to indemnity and insurance.**
- 8 Notes that any order under Section 124 may include a requirement that the owner of the property to be protected remove all or part of the emergency coastal protection work carried out pursuant to the order if required to do so by the Council, including any such work carried out on other land.**

- 9 Directs the Chief Executive Officer to undertake, when safe and practicable, the removal of debris from land owned by Council, to enhance public safety, restore beach access, and reduce environmental harm.**
- 10 Notes with concern the Bureau of Meteorology's forecast of a likely high wave height on Sunday 18 May 2025, in addition to king tide conditions forecast for 27 and 28 May 2025, with tides predicted to reach 2.11 metres.**
- 11 In accordance with Section 610F(3) of the Local Government Act 1993, that Council give public notice of the fee proposed for emergency coastal protection works on private land lawfully undertaken by Council by agreement between Council and the owner of the land, the fee being an amount determined by quote.**
- 12 Resolves, for the purposes of Section 11(3) of the Local Government Act 1993, that the legal advice, at Attachment 1 to this report, remain confidential because that attachment includes advice concerning potential litigation or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the grounds of legal professional privilege.**

AN AMENDMENT was *MOVED* by Councillor NEAL and *SECONDED* by Councillor CASTLES:

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A 30 MINUTE EXTENSION OF TIME was *MOVED* by Councillor MACGREGOR and *SECONDED* by Councillor MCWAIDE:

CARRIED

FOR: UNANIMOUS

Debate resumed on the AMENDMENT.

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

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

The amendment was LOST and debate resumed on the MOTION.

A PROCEDURAL MOTION THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED UNTIL 4:00PM THURSDAY, 15 MAY 2025 was *MOVED by Councillor MACGREGOR and SECONDED by Councillor NEAL:*

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

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

The procedural motion was LOST and debate resumed on the MOTION.

That the motion be put was *MOVED by Deputy Mayor EATON OAM and SECONDED by Councillor MCWAIDE:*

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

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

'That the motion be put' was **CARRIED** and voting resumed on the original motion.

The original 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 5:12 pm.