



BOTANY BAY CCI REFERENCE COMMITTEE

Terms of Reference

Objective

To engage key sections of the catchment community on progress and status of the Botany Bay Coastal Catchments Initiative (BBCCI) project.

Scope

To facilitate the exchange of information with those undertaking the various aspects of the Botany Bay CCI project, including Commonwealth, State and local government and the community, regarding the following:

- Modelling and data acquisition / generation activities
- The role of Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) in the catchment
- WSUD and the planning process
- Developing a framework for the Water Quality Improvement Plan (WQIP) in the Botany Bay catchment
- The nature and timing of inputs to the WQIP development process
- Useful information, contacts and resources
- Possible synergies or integration with non-CCI activities
- Additional sources of funding for CCI related activities
- Stakeholder engagement and communication
- Engaging senior management of the government agencies represented on the Reference Committee

Membership

Membership of the group should include stakeholders with significant interests or involvement in water sustainability in the Sydney Region. They should represent their organisations and stakeholders. Currently the Committee comprises representatives from:

- Sydney Metropolitan Catchment Management Authority (SMCMA)
- Commonwealth Department of Environment and Water Resources (DEW)
- Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (SSROC)
- Cooks River Foreshores Working Group (CRFWG)
- NSW Department of Environment and Climate Change (DECC)

- Georges Riverkeeper representing Georges River Combined Councils' Committee
- NSW Department of Planning (DOP)
- Commonwealth Department of Defence
- Georges River Environment Centre
- The Indigenous Community
- Sydney Water Corporation (SWC)
- NSW Department of Primary Industries (Fisheries)
- Community

Limitation

Members should note that the Head Agreement between the Commonwealth Department of Environment and Water Resources (DEW) and the Sydney Metropolitan Catchment Management Authority contains specific deliverables which will be undertaken either by the SMCMA, DECC or contractors. These have time and deliverable constraints. The DEW has stipulated that there is no capacity to alter the outputs of the project unless through a formal contract Variation which would be difficult to achieve given the project's time constraints.

Funding and Duration

The project has received committed cash funding from the Commonwealth and State of NSW in a ratio of approximately 80:20. The Commonwealth's component is from the Natural Heritage Trust which must be fully expended and finalised by June 2008. Accordingly, the various contract and project components are scheduled for completion by April 2008.

Meetings

Face to face meetings are scheduled on a quarterly basis at a mutually convenient location. It is proposed that meetings are held in: March, June, September and December.

Duration to be up to 2 hours.

Whilst membership is honorary, the reasonable cost of transport to and from meetings can be covered by the SMCMA.

The SMCMA will administer the Committee meetings and provide timely notice of upcoming meetings.

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