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AGENDA

ENVIRONMENT STRATEGIC REFERENCE GROUP

Notice is hereby given that a workshop of the Environment Strategic Reference Group will be held in the Flannel Flower Room, Dee Why on

THURSDAY 9 MAY 2019

Beginning at 6:00pm for the purpose of considering matters included in this agenda.

Committee Members

Cr Alex McTaggart (Chair)

Cr Natalie Warren

Cr Pat Daley

Cr Stuart Sprott

Sophie Scott

Roberta Conroy Bayview Church Point Residents Association

Alan Jones

Tom Hazell

David Tribe

Anthony Petrolo

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Viktorija McDonnell Curl Curl Lagoon Committee

Marita Macrae Pittwater Natural Heritage Association

Jacqueline Marlow Friends of Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment

Billy Bragg

Scott Markich

Council Officer Contacts

Todd Dickinson Director Environment & Sustainability

Adrian Turnbull Acting Executive Manager Natural Environment & Climate Change

Ximena Von Oven Governance Officer

Quorum

A majority of members including the Chair or one of the elected Councillors.

**Agenda for Environment
Strategic Reference Group Workshop
to be held on Thursday 9 May 2019
in the Flannel Flower Room, Dee Why
Commencing at 6:00pm**

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NEXT MEETING Thursday 30 May 2019

1.0 APOLOGIES

All members are expected to attend the meetings or otherwise tender their apologies to the Chair and Governance at councilmeetings@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au.

2.0 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Members are advised of the following definitions of a "pecuniary" or "conflict" of interest for their assistance:

Section 442 of the Local Government Act, 1993 states that a "pecuniary" interest is as follows:

"(1) [Pecuniary interest] A Pecuniary interest is an interest that a person has in a matter because of a reasonable likelihood or expectation of appreciable financial gain or loss to the person or another person with whom the person is associated.

(2) [Remoteness] A person does not have a pecuniary interest in a matter if the interest is so remote or insignificant that it could not reasonably be regarded as likely to influence any decision the person might make in relation to the matter."

Members should reference the Local Government Act, 1993 for detailed provisions relating to pecuniary interests.

Council's Code of Conduct states that a "conflict of interest" exists when you could be influenced, or a reasonable person would perceive that you could be influenced by a personal interest when carrying out your public duty.

5.0 AGENDA ITEMS

ITEM 5.1	DISCUSSION ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF A DRAFT NORTHERN BEACHES COUNCIL BUSHLAND AND BIODIVERSITY POLICY
REPORTING OFFICER	MANAGER, BUSHLAND AND BIODIVERSITY
TRIM FILE REF	2019/222319
ATTACHMENTS	1 ↓ Draft Bushland and Biodiversity Policy Presentation

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

PURPOSE

To discuss the development of the draft Bushland and Biodiversity Policy with the Environment Strategic Reference Group.

REPORT

Bushland and biodiversity are a critical part of the Northern Beaches character and identity. Our community is passionate about the environment and there is a strong desire to protect and enhance natural areas. There is a need for an overarching policy document to provide the framework for Council to improve protection of bushland and biodiversity on the Northern Beaches. It is envisaged that this document will include a series of management principles which underpin Council's approach to the conservation of bushland and biodiversity.

The draft Bushland and Biodiversity Policy will be based on the principles of ecologically sustainable development and provide a strategic framework for the management of bushland and biodiversity.

It is envisaged that application of the policy would be most relevant during:

- Strategic land use planning
- The assessment of developments and activities and
- The management of bushland areas on public and private land.

RECOMMENDATION OF MANAGER – BUSHLAND AND BIODIVERSITY

That the Environment Strategic Reference Group note the presentation and provide input into the Development of the Draft Northern Beaches Council Bushland and Biodiversity Policy.

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Introductions & Background

Management of Bushland on the Northern Beaches is governed by:

- *Local Government Act 1993* – e.g. Plans of Management
- *NSW Biodiversity Conservation Act 2017*
- *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*
- Local Environment Plans and Development Control Plans
- *NSW Biosecurity Act 2015*
- State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP) Vegetation in Non Rural Areas 2017, SEPP 19 Bushland, and SEPP (Coastal Management) 2018
- Council Policy - Waterways policy, sustainability policy, bushland policy



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Strategic Planning Framework

- Greater Sydney Region Plan – 40 Year Vision
- North District Plan
- LSPS/LEP /DCP
- Community Strategic Plan (CSP)
- Environment Strategy
- Biodiversity Action Plan
- Bushland & Biodiversity Policy



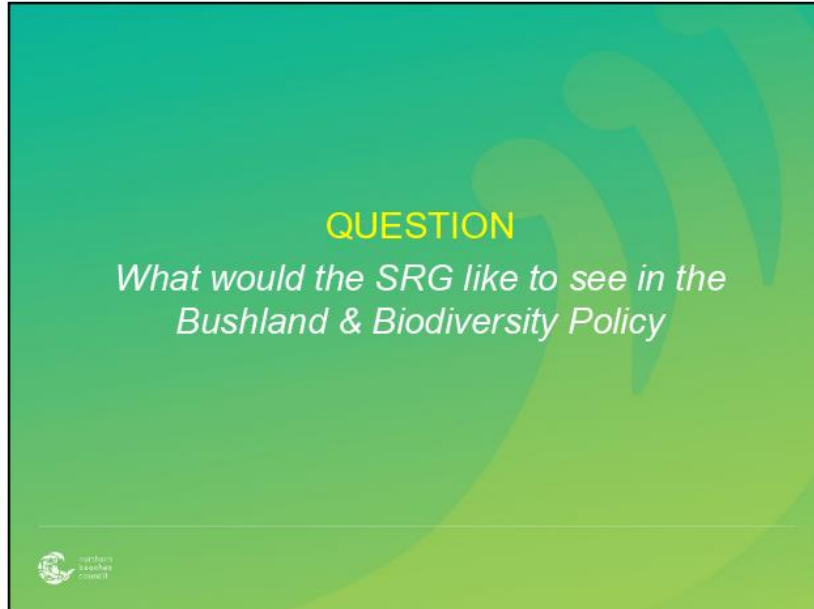
DRAFT Bushland & Biodiversity Policy

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1. Purpose of the Policy
2. Principles
3. Strategic Land Use Planning & Biodiversity
4. Management of Bushland on public & private land
5. Related Council Policies
6. Legislation & References



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QUESTION
*What would the SRG like to see in the
Bushland & Biodiversity Policy*

