

Community Update
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Delivering sand for Stockton

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What is the Stockton Beach Taskforce?

The Stockton Beach Taskforce, chaired by Minister for Regional NSW, the Hon. Tara Moriarty, was established to drive the implementation of sustainable long-term solutions to the coastal erosion issues for Stockton Beach.

Alongside the Chair, members include City of Newcastle Lord Mayor, Nuatali Nelmes, Minister for the Hunter, the Hon. Yasmin Catley, and representatives from the Worimi Aboriginal Land Council, Department of Regional NSW, Department of Planning and Environment, Port of Newcastle, NSW Coastal Council, and the Stockton Community Liaison Group.

Progress on sourcing sand for Stockton has continued throughout 2023. The NSW Government has taken the lead to deliver 100,000 cubic metres of sand for initial amenity sand renourishment.

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Point 1: NSW Public Works to oversee expenditure of the \$6.2 million of funding provided under the Coastal and Estuarine Risk Mitigation Program (CERMP).

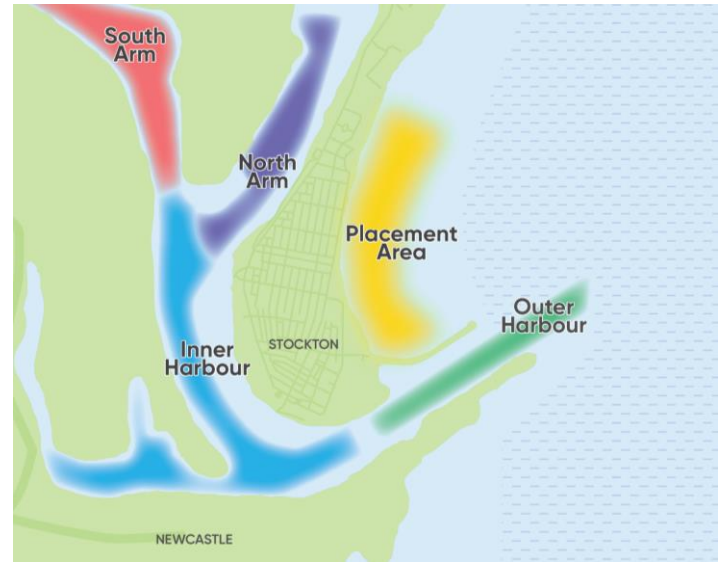
The grant comprises \$4.7 million from the Federal Government and \$1.5 million from City of Newcastle.

Under **Part A of the CERMP grant** NSW Public Works has awarded a contract to a company to deliver the initial amenity sand renourishment to Stockton.

NSW Public Works is the proponent for the initial CERMP activities and has a Crown Land licence to facilitate the work.

Approximately 100,000 cubic metres of sand will be dredged from the outer harbour area as shown in green on the map below.

Weather permitting, the dredging vessel will spread the sand in the southern section of the placement area shown in yellow on the map below from October to November 2023.



A range of options are being explored to source the sand needed for mass sand renourishment. **Part B of the CERMP grant** funds investigations into, and if viable, the associated environmental approvals for sourcing sand from the North Arm of the Hunter River (shown in purple).

Part C of the grant funds investigations into, and if viable, the associated environmental approvals related to offshore sand sourcing.

Parts B & C of the CERMP works are being progressed by NSW Public Works, and more information will be available in future community updates.

Point 2: The *Department of Regional NSW* will work with the *NSW Department of Planning and Environment* to develop a blueprint for the long-term management of *Stockton Beach*.

The Department of Planning and Environment, in collaboration with the Department of Regional NSW, is currently drafting the blueprint, which will guide progress on the NSW Government's \$21 million commitment for longer-term mass sand renourishment at Stockton Beach.

Point 3: The *Department of Regional NSW* will host regular community information sessions

Planning is underway for a community information session to be held in Stockton in October 2023.

Point 4: Quarterly progress reports, issued jointly by the *NSW Government* and *City of Newcastle* to be made publicly available in *September 2023*.

Each report will be presented at the relevant Taskforce meeting and will provide updates on work to date and inform the community on next steps in the initiative.

This document is the first quarterly progress report.