

# Supporting Documentation A.

NSW Government Directive  
to prepare CMP for Stockton Beach  
before 30 June 2020



City of  
Newcastle



The Hon. Shelley Hancock MP  
Minister for Local Government

MD19/5832

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Dear Mr Bath

As you are aware, I have declared Stockton Beach as a location with significant open coastal hazards and have fast tracked the provision of grant funding under the Coastal and Estuary Grants program for emergency actions in response to erosion at Stockton Beach.

I appreciate you are working closely with the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment to implement management actions in the Newcastle Coastal Zone Management Plan and are continuing to work on your coastal management program to identify sustainable long-term management actions for the management of Stockton Beach. Council's willingness to collaborate and work closely with the Department is appreciated.

Given the renewed erosion occurring at Stockton, and Council's recent decision to relocate assets at threat, I am now writing to advise Council that I am issuing a direction to Council to complete their Coastal Management Program (CMP) for Stockton Beach by 30 June 2020.

I understand that the possibility of fast-tracking the CMP using the provisions in the Coastal Management Manual was recently discussed with DPIE officers, and I would encourage you to seriously consider this option.

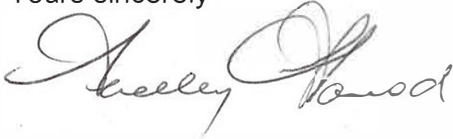
Please find attached the direction under section 13 of the *Coastal Management Act 2016*. Given the amount of community concern and interest in Stockton Beach, I am issuing the direction to reflect the need to resolve the long-term management at Stockton as quickly as possible. This is not without recognising that extensive engagement with the community will be required as part of this project to ensure the long-term management actions chosen are accepted by the community. This is also consistent with Ministerial Directions that were issued to other councils with areas declared as Significant Open Coast Locations (formerly coastal hot spots).

I am advised that Council has proposed an October 2020 completion date for the CMP for its whole coastline and that the Scoping Study has recently been finalised. It is open to Council to decide whether the CMP completed by 30 June 2020 is only for Stockton or whether it is for the whole of the Newcastle coastal zone. The Department remains available to assist.

I also note that Council has sought additional resources to help prepare its CMP. Staff from the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment Grant will contact Council in the coming days to expedite funding for additional staff resources. It is proposed this occur through a variation to the existing grant to Council for the development of the coastal management program.

If you require any further information or wish to discuss this further, please contact [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Shelley Hancock".

**The Hon. Shelley Hancock MP**  
Minister for Local Government


Encl: Direction to prepare a coastal management program for Stockton Beach

17 FEB 2020

**Coastal Management Act 2016**

**Direction under section 13**

Under the provisions of section 13 of *the Coastal Management Act 2016* (the Act), I direct the City of Newcastle Council to submit a draft coastal management program in accordance with the requirements under Division 2 of the Act for the coastline at Stockton Beach, to the Minister administering the Act by 30 June 2020.



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The Hon Shelley Hancock MP  
Minister for Local Government  
Minister administering the *Coastal Management Act 2016*

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17-2-20  
Date