



National Parks & Wildlife Advisory Council

Meeting summary 18 - 19 February 2020

The National Parks and Wildlife Advisory Council provides the Minister for Energy and Environment and the NPWS executive with independent, informed advice on a wide range of issues impacting national parks.

The following is a summary of matters considered by the Advisory Council at its 69th meeting held on 18-19 February 2020.

Attendance by the Minister for Energy and Environment

The Hon Matt Kean MP met with the Council and discussed his priorities for national parks including protecting and expanding the national parks system, enhancing the quality of visitor experience and education and feral animal control. Council members discussed their role in providing strategic advice to the Minister about important issues affecting national parks.

2019-20 Fire Season and Bushfire Recovery

- Overview of impact, recovery taskforce and input to independent bushfire enquiries.
- Impacts and recovery work including:
 - assets
 - Aboriginal, historic and world heritage
 - property and commercial
 - visitor infrastructure projects and visitor experience
 - conservation and wildlife
 - pest and weed control.

Plans of Management

The Advisory Council provided advice on the Bouddi National Park plan of management.

Statement of Strategic Intent

An updated Statement of Strategic Intent 2020/21 for the Council was discussed and adopted.

Other Reports

Discussion regarding strategic issues included the following matters:

- NPWS Climate Change Adaptation Strategy implementation
- Post-fire wild horse control in Kosciuszko National Park.

Further Information

If you require further information on any matters in this summary please contact npws.advisorycouncil@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Council members

Assoc Prof Tracey J Dickson

(Chair): Expertise and experience in ecotourism or the sustainable visitor or tourist use, enjoyment and appreciation of reserves

Dr Kevin Mills (Deputy Chair): National Parks and Wildlife Service Regional Advisory Committee member

Assoc Prof Rosemary Black:

Expertise and experience in environmental education and community involvement in environmental education

Mr Brian Everingham: Expertise in non-government organisations concerned with the conservation of nature, nominated by the NSW National Parks Association

Cr Phyllis Miller OAM: Experience in planning and local government, nominated by Local Government NSW

Assoc Prof Julie Old: Scientific qualifications in an area associated with the conservation of nature

Ms Cathy Parsons: Expertise and experience in bush fire management

Ms Bronwyn Petrie: Expertise and experience in agriculture and rural issues, nominated by the NSW Farmers' Association

Mr Ted Rowley: Expertise and experience in rural and regional development and planning issues

Mrs Marie Russell AM: National Parks and Wildlife Service Regional Advisory Committee member

Mr Craig Thomas: Representing peak recreational bodies

Ms Dianne Thompson OAM: Expertise in non-government organisations concerned with the conservation of nature, nominated by the Nature Conservation Council of New South Wales

Ms Iris White: Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee member