



# National Parks & Wildlife Advisory Council

*The National Parks and Wildlife Advisory Council provides the NSW Minister for the Environment and the NPWS executive with independent, informed advice on the priorities, design, implementation and evaluation of NPWS policies, strategies and programs to help achieve the objects of the National Parks and Wildlife Act.*

*Council also plays a key advocacy role through engagement with stakeholder organisations and networks.*

## Meeting summary – Sydney, 22 November 2023

NPWS updated the meeting on:

- Aboriginal Cultural Heritage and Joint Management.
- Wild horse management in Kosciuszko National Park.
- Koala conservation in NSW.
- NSW bushfire season to date.
- Machinery of Government changes.
- National meeting of Environment Ministers.
- Weeds and feral animal management operations.

Briefings were provided to Council for discussion and advice:

- Fire and incident management operations.
- The review of the NSW Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016.
- NPWS relationships with local government.
- Recreation and tourism planning in NSW national parks.
- Reviews of plans of management and master plans for several NPWS reserves.
- NPWS leases and licences.
- NSW NPWS Audit and Compliance Committee.

More information: [www.environment.nsw.gov.au/NPWS/NPWSAdvisoryCouncil.html](http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/NPWS/NPWSAdvisoryCouncil.html)

## Council members

**Cr Phyllis Miller OAM**  
(Chairperson): Local Government NSW

**Mr Ted Rowley:** Rural and regional development and planning issues

**Assoc Prof Rosemary Black:** Environmental education and community involvement in environmental education

**Ms Rhonda Ashby:** Aboriginal cultural heritage conservation

**Vacant:** NSW National Parks Association

**Cr Romola Hollywood:** Local Government NSW

**Vacant:** Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee member

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

**Ms Cathy Parsons:** Ecotourism or the sustainable visitor or tourist use, enjoyment and appreciation of reserves

**Mrs Erica Smits:** Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee member

**Mr Craig Thomas:** Representing peak recreational bodies

**Mr Ross McDonnell:** NSW Nature Conservation Council

**Mrs Bronwyn Petrie:** NSW Farmers

**Dr Rebecca Spindler:** Scientific qualifications in areas associated with the conservation of nature

**Dr Allison O'Sullivan:** Qualifications in cultural heritage research

**Mr Gregory Mullins:** Bushfire management

**Mr Andrew Smith:** Hunter Central Coast Regional Advisory Committee

**Mr Bob Conroy:** Greater Sydney Regional Advisory Committee

**Mr Geoff Chapman:** West Regional Advisory Committee