

Meeting Minutes

NSW Biodiversity Conservation Advisory Panel (BCAP)

Held on: Tuesday 28 May 2024, 1:00 – 3:00 pm

At: 231 Elizabeth Street Sydney and Microsoft Teams

BCAP members

Dr Ian Cresswell (Chairperson)

Mr Kerry Doss

Professor Michelle Leishman

Dr Ben Milligan

Professor Angela Moles

Dr Kate Wilson

Departmental and Secretariat attendees:

Brendan Bruce, Deputy Secretary, *Biodiversity Conservation and Science (BCS)*

Sharon Molloy, Executive Director, *Conservation Policy and Programs (CPP), BCS*

Nicholas Cobb, Director, *Conservation Strategy and Reform, CPP*

Alison Schumacher, Director, *Threatened Species and Ecosystems, CPP*

Steven Cox, Director, *Planning and Land Policy (PLP)*

Neil Gemmell, *A/Principal Policy Officer, PLP*

Minutes

Item 1. Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country

- The Chair acknowledged the First Nation custodians of the lands on which the meeting took place, and paid respects to their elders past and present.

Item 2. Actions and minutes from previous meeting

- BCS and the panel discussed progress on actions arising from previous meetings.

Item 3. Updates from Panel members on other Boards and programs

- The Chair has recently taken up the role of co-chair of the Commonwealth Biodiversity Assessment Expert Reference Group, which is supporting the design and establishment of a Nature Repair Market.

Item 4. BCS updates

- BCS provided an update on the process to recruit Aboriginal panel members and updates to the BCAP website.

Item 5. BCAP membership on the Saving our Species Program Director Board

- BCS discussed the Saving our Species Program Director Board and BCAP membership on the Board.

Item 6. Five-year statutory review of the BC Act and Part 5A of LLS Act government response

- BCS updated the panel on the development of the government response.

Item 7. Update from the Biodiversity Working Group meeting in Tasmania and Senior Officials Group meeting

- BCS updated the panel on the national Biodiversity Working Group and Senior Officials Group meetings.

Item 8. Stopping excess land clearing election commitment

- BCS and the panel discussed the election commitment to stop excess land clearing.

Item 9. Review of meeting and close

- The Chair noted next meeting is scheduled for 7 August 2024.