

# FAQ

## **What is the Coastal Zone Management Plan?**

The Wyong Coastal Zone Management Plan (WCZMP) describes how council, other public authorities and property owners can and should respond to coastal hazards for the northern coastal areas of Central Coast Council (e.g. the former Wyong coastline). It provides a strategic policy framework for coordinated, integrated and ecologically sustainable development of sections of the coastline affected by the identified hazards and the protection of fragile coastal environments into the future. Importantly, the WCZMP provides the foundation for the development of appropriate planning controls for the coastal zone.

The WCZMP has been developed in partnership with the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH). It has been prepared in accordance with the State Government's suite of coastal legislation policies and guidelines.

## **Why is Council reviewing the Coastal Zone Management**

The coastal hazard mapping in WCZMP 2011 was inconsistent and incomplete in some areas. The hazard lines did not seamlessly flow from beach-dune areas to cliff and bedrock controlled (bluff) areas. A reliable transition from beach hazard zones to bluff hazard zones was needed, to provide a complete assessment of coastal hazards.

Since the WCZMP 2011 there have been changes to the NSW Coastal Management Framework, including Stage 1 and Stage 2 Coastal Reforms. Recent Council resolutions have reflected the outcomes of these reforms. The WCZMP 2011 also needed to be updated to reflect the current legislation, guidelines and intent for coastal management in NSW, and recent Council resolutions.

Council reviews its Coastal Zone Management Plan every five years. This is to ensure that new information is considered and coastal management measures reviewed based on newly available information and research. The current WCZMP was prepared in 2011 so now five years on it needs to be reviewed again.

## **Why is the Wyong Coastal Zone Management Plan being reviewed separately to the Gosford Coastal Zone Management Plan? Aren't you all just one Council now?**

The Wyong CZMP 2011 was adopted by the former Wyong Shire Council on 14 December 2011. The revision process of the WCZMP 2011 started from May 2015, long before the amalgamation took effect in May 2016.

Meanwhile, the Gosford CZMP was adopted by the former Gosford Council on 8 December 2015. It has been revised to incorporate agreements between Council and DoI-Lands for the management of crown land at Pearl Beach and other areas. The revised Gosford CZMP was submitted on the 4 May 2017 to the Minister for the Environment for ministerial certification.

As per the proposed draft Coastal Protection Act, over the next five years all Councils will have one Coastal Management Plan (CMP). So one Coastal Management Plan will apply across the whole Central Coast Council coastline.

**My property appears to now be in a hazard zone, what does this mean for me?**

If you were unaware that your property was located in the coastal hazard zone then please call 4352 5156 to speak to Toan Dam, Council's Waterway and Coastal Management Officer.

Coastal hazards are reviewed regularly to incorporate and reflect new information and research. It means that hazard lines can and do move and that may be the case with your property.

**What do the different risk levels mean?**

- **Immediate Risk (red):** Immediate Coastal Hazard for the "immediate" timeframe, or, the present condition (e.g. hazard can happen at any time)
- **High Risk (orange):** High Coastal Hazard projection for 2050
- **Low Risk (yellow):** Low Coastal Hazard projection for 2100