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## Draft coastal management manual

The coastal management manual (the manual) will be an invaluable resource for coastal communities as they plan for their future on the coast. The manual will support coastal communities to develop integrated coastal management programs (CMPs) that are feasible, technically viable and affordable.

It will provide clear instructions and step-by-step guidance to follow when developing a coastal management program and assist councils to address the requirements of the draft Coastal Management Bill.

The purpose of a coastal management program is to set the long-term strategy for the coordinated management of the coastal zone with a focus on achieving the objectives of the Coastal Management Act. A coastal management program may be developed for the whole, or any part, of the coastal zone and must be prepared in accordance with the manual.

### A new coastal management manual to better support council planning and decision making

The manual outlines the mandatory requirements and provides guidance on the preparation, development, adoption and content of a coastal management program. It includes a process for councils to follow when identifying and assessing the vulnerability of coastal environmental, social and economic values and evaluating management actions.

The manual contains technical information and guidance on a range of coastal management issues and outlines the requirements relating to consultation that must be undertaken when preparing a coastal management program. It also contains guidance on the integration of a coastal management program into the Integrated Planning and Reporting framework and land use planning.

The coastal management manual is in three parts.

#### Part A - Mandatory requirements and essential elements of a CMP

[Part A \(PDF 453KB\)](#) of the coastal management manual sets out the mandatory requirements and essential elements for a coastal management program.

#### Part B - Process for preparing a CMP

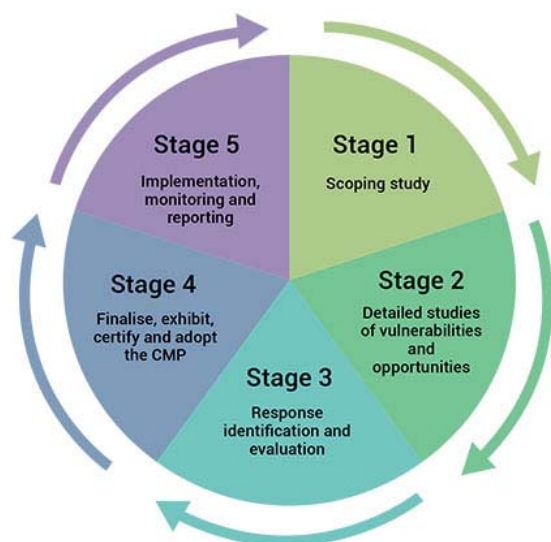
Part B of the coastal management manual outlines the five stage process for developing and implementing a coastal management program (CMP).

- [Stage 1 \(PDF 431KB\)](#) - Scoping study
- [Stage 2](#) - Detailed studies of vulnerabilities and opportunities - to be released in December 2015
- [Stage 3](#) - Response identification and evaluation - to be released in December 2015
- [Stage 4 \(PDF 414KB\)](#) - Preparing, exhibiting, finalising, certifying and adopting a CMP
- [Stage 5 \(PDF 414KB\)](#) - Implementation, monitoring, evaluating and reporting

#### NSW coastal management reforms

The coastal management reforms package is now open for public consultation. The public consultation period is an important opportunity for the community to have a say on the reforms.

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### Stages in developing a coastal management program (CMP)

Local councils may go directly from the scoping stage (Stage 1) to updating and exhibiting a coastal management program (Stage 4) where: the scoping study identifies low coastal risks; or where there is an existing certified plan/program, or policies and practice that are consistent with state and local objectives and are managing coastal risks effectively.

## Part C - Coastal management toolkit

The [coastal management toolkit](#) is a compendium of technical information and guidance on a range of topics.

In addition to assisting councils with preparing coastal management programs, this information can be used by other public authorities.

The public can ask questions and make submission on the coastal management reform consultation documents at [Have Your Say](#). A set of frequently asked questions is also available to help inform feedback. The closing date for submissions is **29 February 2016**.

Information sessions on the coastal management reforms will be held in coastal locations during late November and early December 2015. Details on the [information sessions](#) is available.

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