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# What is a Coastal Management Program?



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It helps us plan for our changing coast

**The Coastal Management Program is also called the CMP.**



The CMP is a long-term plan for our coast and water ways.



It helps Council decide how to protect, use and manage coastal areas.



The CMP will guide coastal management for the next 10 years and beyond.

# Why do we need a Coastal Management Program?

**Our coast is always changing.**



**Storms, waves and tides can change beaches, dunes and foreshore areas.**



**The NSW Government requires coastal councils to prepare a CMP.**



**Once approved, the CMP can help Council apply for State Government funding for priority coastal projects.**

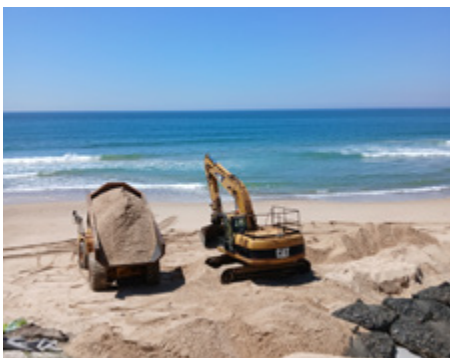
# What does the CMP help Council do?



**Plan for future coastal challenges.**



**Coordinate long-term coastal management.**



**Set priorities and actions for coastal areas.**

# Coastal hazard terms

Coastal hazards are natural processes that can affect coastal land, places and assets.



## **Beach erosion**

Sand is removed from beaches and dunes by wind, waves and high ocean water levels.



## **Shoreline recession (losing sand)**

The shoreline slowly moves inland because sand is lost over time.



## **Coastal inundation (too much water)**

Ocean waves and water move onto foreshore land during storms.

# More coastal hazard terms



## **Tidal inundation** (too much water)

Ocean water covers normally dry low-lying land during high tides or king tides.



These terms help explain how coastal processes may affect places, people, value and use.

# What area does the CMP cover?

The CMP covers coastal and estuarine areas (where a river meets the ocean) across our region.



**The Hastings River estuary.**



**The Camden Haven estuary.**



**Lake Cathie, Lake Innes and Bonny Hills estuaries.**



**Beaches, dunes, cliffs and headlands along the open coastline.**

# How is the CMP developed?

The CMP is developed in 5 stages set by the NSW Government.



## **Stage 1: Scoping Study**

Understand the coastal area and key issues.



## **Stage 2: Investigate**

Assess risks, opportunities and coastal processes.



## **Stage 3: Develop Options**

Identify and review possible management options.

**We are at Stage 3 in the process**

Council is using technical studies and community input to develop future management options.

# How is the CMP developed?

The final stages are about preparing, checking and delivering the plan.



## **Stage 4: Draft the Program**

Prepare the CMP and ask the community for feedback.



## **Stage 5: Implement the CMP**

Deliver, monitor and review actions over time.

# What does the CMP focus on?

The CMP looks at 5 focus areas.



## **1. Planning and Development**

Supporting sustainable land use and resilient development while adapting to coastal risks.



## **2. Access and Recreation**

Helping everyone safely enjoy the coast now and in the future.



## **3. Environment and Cultural Heritage**

Protecting coastal ecosystems, water quality, cultural heritage and First Nations values.

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## **4. Coastal Economy**

Supporting tourism and coastal industries that rely on healthy coastal environments.



## **5. Leadership and Collaboration**

Working together to plan for a changing coastline.

# Your voice matters

Community feedback helps Council understand what people value about the coast.

Your feedback matters because:



The coast is important for many reasons.



People use coastal areas in different ways.



Your feedback helps Council understand local needs, concerns and ideas.

# What we would love to hear from you



**What coastal places are important to you?**



**What coastal issues should Council consider?**



**What would help you better understand the CMP?**

# Have your say

There are different ways to find out more and give feedback.



Visit our Have Your Say website.  
**[pmhc.nsw.gov.au/CMP](https://pmhc.nsw.gov.au/CMP)**



Register to attend a community information session or drop-in session.



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