

Meeting Minutes

NSW Biodiversity Conservation Advisory Panel (BCAP)

Held on: 3 April 2024 – 3:00pm to 5:00pm

At: Room 9, Level 13, 231 Elizabeth Street Sydney and via Microsoft Teams

BCAP members

Chairperson: Dr Ian Cresswell

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)*

Nicholas Cobb, Director, *Legislative Review Response, BCS*

Alison Schumacher, Director, *Conservation Policy & Strategy, BCS*

Steven Cox, Director, *Land, Planning & Place (LPP)*

Neil Gemmell, *A/Principal Policy Officer LPP*

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. Updates from Panel members on other Boards and programs

- The Chair represented the BCAP at the NSW Koala Summit.

Item 3. BCS updates

- BCS provided an update on the process to recruit Aboriginal panel members.

Item 4. Draft BCAP Workplan February to June 2025

- The panel discussed the updated BCAP workplan, adding commenting on Areas of Outstanding Biodiversity Value nominations to the workplan.

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

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

- The panel discussed the themes of views expressed by stakeholders during consultation on the development of the government response.

Item 6. National biodiversity targets update

- The panel noted the Commonwealth is proposing to update the national Strategy for Nature by the 16th session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity in October/November 2024.
- The panel noted NSW will attend the next meeting of the national Biodiversity Working Group from 23-24 April 2024 in Tasmania.

Item 7. Koala summit update

- BCS noted 140 stakeholders attended and discussed the major themes considered.
- The panel noted the next steps includes preparation of a summary document that will be published and shared with participants.

Item 8. Review of meeting and close

- The Chair noted next meeting scheduled for 28 May 2024.