



National Parks & Wildlife Advisory Council

The National Parks and Wildlife Advisory Council provides the NSW Minister for the Environment and the NPWS executive with independent, informed advice on the priorities, design, implementation and evaluation of NPWS policies, strategies and programs to help achieve the objects of the National Parks and Wildlife Act.

Council also plays a key advocacy role through engagement with stakeholder organisations and networks.

Meeting summary – Sydney, 12 November 2024

On 12 November Council held a joint meeting with regional advisory committee Chairs and a representative from the Karst Management Advisory Committee. Updates were provided on:

- The DCCEEW Strategic plan, opportunities, challenges and the importance of performance measures and monitoring.
- NSW Government's Plan for Nature and regional investment strategies.
- Programs that effectively use finite resources to manage the reserve system, including feral animal control, visitation, fire and ecosystem management, including the importance of community engagement across all programs.
- Aboriginal cultural heritage building capacity and capability.
- Park planning.
- Plans of management.
- Fire and incident operations.
- Assets of Intergenerational Significance Interpretations program.

NPWS briefings were then provided to Council for discussion and advice on leases and licences.

More information: www.environment.nsw.gov.au/NPWS/NPWSAdvisoryCouncil.html

Council members

Cr Phyllis Miller OAM (Chairperson): Local Government NSW

Mr Ted Rowley (Deputy Chairperson): Rural and regional development and planning issues

Assoc Prof Rosemary Black: Environmental education and community involvement in environmental education

Ms Rhonda Ashby: Aboriginal cultural heritage conservation

Dr Grahame Douglas AM: National Parks Association of NSW

Cr Romola Hollywood: Local Government NSW

Assoc Prof Julie Old: Scientific qualifications in an area associated with the conservation of nature

Ms Cathy Parsons: Ecotourism or the sustainable visitor or tourist use, enjoyment and appreciation of reserves

Mr Edward Whyman: Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee member

Mr Craig Thomas: Representing peak recreational bodies

Mr Ross McDonnell: NSW Nature Conservation Council

Mrs Bronwyn Petrie: NSW Farmers

Dr Rebecca Spindler: Scientific qualifications in areas associated with the conservation of nature

Dr Allison O'Sullivan: Qualifications in cultural heritage research

Mr Gregory Mullins AO AFSM: Bushfire management

Mr Andrew Smith: Hunter Central Coast Regional Advisory Committee

Mr Bob Conroy: Greater Sydney Regional Advisory Committee

Mr Geoff Chapman: West Regional Advisory Committee