

10.7. Sydney Coastal Councils Group - Council Representative

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PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is for Council to determine a Councillor representative on the Sydney Coastal Council Group following the resignation of Councillor Bourke from the role.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

- Council is a member of the Sydney Coastal Councils Group Inc.
- Councillor Bourke, who is Council's delegate has resigned.
- Council may appoint an individual as its Delegate to represent the Member Council and exercise its rights at general meetings and an individual to sit on the Executive Committee. These cannot be the same individual.
- Although delegates do not have to be from the elected body, most Member Councils send Councillors as their delegates.
- Council originally resolved to nominate both Councillor Bourke and Councillor Santer however only one nominee was permitted. For this reason it is now recommended that Councillor Santer be appointed as Council's Annual General Meeting delegate.

Council is still required to nominate a Council representative to sit on the Sydney Coastal Councils Group Executive Committee noting it cannot be the same as Council's Annual General Meeting delegate.

RECOMMENDATION:

1.THAT Council appoint Councillor Santer to the Sydney Coastal Councils Group for this term of Council, to replace Councillor William Bourke as Council's Annual General Meeting delegate.

2.THAT Council appoint Councillor _____ as Council's representative to sit on the Sydney Coastal Councils Group Executive Committee noting it cannot be the same as Council's Annual General Meeting delegate.

3.THAT Council write to the Sydney Coastal Councils Group to inform them of Council's representative/s.

Background

At its meeting on 24 February 2022, Council considered a report regarding appointments to external bodies and resolved, in part:

3. THAT Council appoint to the Sydney Coastal Councils Group Councillor Bourke and Councillor Santer for this term of Council.

Subsequent to this resolution the Sydney Coastal Councils Group Inc. (SCCG) advised that, under its Constitution, a member Council can only nominate one delegate. Councillors Bourke and Santer agreed that Councillor Bourke would be the North Sydney Council delegate.

Councillor Bourke has now advised that he is resigning his position as Council's voting representative on the SCCG.

Report

The SCCG was established in 1989 to promote collaboration between Member Councils on environmental issues relating to the sustainable management of the urban coastal and estuarine environment. The Group consists of 9 Councils (Bayside, Inner West, Northern Beaches, North Sydney, Randwick, Sutherland, Waverley, Willoughby and Woollahra) adjacent to Sydney marine and estuarine environments and associated waterways, and represents nearly 1.3 million Sydneysiders.

The Constitution of the SCCG states that:

A Member Council may appoint an individual as its Delegate to represent the Member Council and exercise its rights at general meetings. The individual appointed as a Delegate must not be an Executive Committee member

Member Councils can nominate a representative for the Executive Committee and a representative to attend and vote at AGMs, as long as they're not the same person.

While the delegate/s do not have to be from the elected body, it is understood that most Member Councils send Councillors as their delegates.

Councillors were invited by email to lodge an expression of interest in nominating for one of nominate for one of the following roles:

Executive Committee Nominations

The [SCCG's constitution](#) allows for only one member nominated from each council on the Executive Committee.

AGM Nominations

For the Annual General Meeting (AGM), there can only be one Delegate from each Council. This Delegate votes on behalf of Council and must not be the Executive Committee member.

Prior to the seeking of expressions of interest, Councillor Santer indicated that he would be interested in being considered as an AGM voting delegate, to replace Councillor Bourke.

Consultation requirements

Community engagement is not required.

Financial/Resource Implications

There are no financial implications arising out of the recommendations of this report.

Legislation

The SCCG was incorporated in 1998 under the Associations Incorporation Act 1984, and the SCCG Constitution sets out the objectives and rules of the Group.