



National Parks and Wildlife Advisory Council

Meeting summary – Sydney, 7 September 2022

The National Parks and Wildlife Advisory Council provides the Minister for Environment and Heritage and the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) executive with independent, informed advice on the priorities, design 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.

NPWS updated Council on:

- recent acquisitions of national park estate
- Aboriginal Joint Management program on national park estate
- investment in national parks visitor infrastructure
- threatened species and Assets of Intergenerational Significance
- new NPWS uniforms
- People and Wildlife Policy, Property Access Policy, Accessible Parks Policy and Aboriginal Country, Culture and Heritage Policy
- 2022–23 Plan of Management program.

Council agreed on advice to provide the Minister on draft plans of management for:

- Goolawah National Park, Goolawah Regional Park and Limeburners Creek National Park
- Royal National Park, Heathcote National Park and Garawarra State Conservation Area.

Note: At an out-of-session meeting on 26 July 2022, Council also provided advice to the Minister on the Gardens of Stone State Conservation Area draft Plan of Management.

More information: www.environment.nsw.gov.au/about-us/who-we-are/national-parks-and-wildlife-advisory-council

Council members

Cr Phyllis Miller OAM (Chairperson):

Experience in planning and local government, nominated by Local Government NSW

Mr Ted Rowley (Deputy Chairperson):

Expertise and experience in rural and regional development and planning issues.

Assoc Prof Rosemary Black:

Expertise and experience in environmental education and community involvement in environmental education.

Mr Brian Everingham:

Expertise in non-government organisations concerned with the conservation of nature, nominated by NSW National Parks Assoc.

Cr Romola Hollywood:

Experience in planning and local government, nominated by Local Government NSW

Mr Paul Knight: Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee member

Assoc Prof Julie Old:

Scientific qualifications in an area associated with the conservation of nature.

Ms Cathy Parsons:

Expertise and experience in ecotourism or the sustainable visitor or tourist use, enjoyment and appreciation of reserves

Mrs Erica Smits

Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee member

Mr Craig Thomas:

Representing peak recreational bodies.

Ms Dianne Thompson

OAM: Expertise in non-government organisations concerned with the conservation of nature, nominated by the NSW Nature Conservation Council