Community Reference Group (sub working group)
Impact Assessment scoping meeting
Discussion summary
Wednesday 1 July 2.00pm to 3.00pm (extended to 4.00 pm)
Port Adelaide Town Hall – 34 Nile Street, Port Adelaide

We would like to acknowledge the traditional Lands for the Kaurna people and that we respect their spiritual relationship with their country. We also acknowledge the Kaurna people as the custodians of the greater Adelaide region and that their cultural and heritage beliefs are still as important to the living Kaurna people today.

Attendees

- Semaphore Largs Dunes Group - Maggie Gordon
- Tennyson Dunes Group – Mark Pierson (proxy for Nick Crouch)
- Save our Shores Semaphore to Largs – Jill Kennere
- Port Adelaide Resident's Environment Protection Group – Tony Bazeley
- James Guy, Project Manager, DEW
- Linda Durham, Engagement Coordinator, DEW
- Steve Dangerfield (facilitator)

Apologies

- Birdlife Australia – Aleisa Lamanna
- Western Adelaide Coastal Residents Association - Geoff Short

(Both Aleisa and Geoff have agreed to review the draft scope summary document once the information from the meeting was collated into the document).

1. Introduction – everyone

- Welcome and introductions
- Participants received a hard copy of the meeting agenda and a draft scope summary of the impact assessment of moving sand from Adelaide's northern beaches (preliminary document for discussion/comment).
- Steve recapped the purpose of the meeting, reiterating that the department has listened to the concerns raised by the representatives of the various environmental groups at meetings of the Community Reference Group and acknowledges that there is a certain level of discomfort regarding possible impacts to Adelaide's northern beaches from moving sand both short and long term. The department has also acknowledged that a number of the group representatives would like to see an independent impact assessment undertaken of the northern beaches including the dunes.
- Steve reiterated *(refer to the information session presentation held on Thursday 25th June)* the department's proposal to commission an independent impact assessment of the northern beaches and to work with a sub working group of community representatives to discuss what could be included in the independent impact assessment.

- Steve highlighted that James Guy, project manager for Securing the future of our coastline, has prepared a draft scope summary for review / discussion for today's meeting.

2. Additional points raised outside of the Impact assessment scoping meeting.

- Prior to the meeting commencing there was discussion recapping topics presented at the two previous information sessions on theme 1 & 2, and additional points raised, this included discussions on a broader assessment (including whole of life costs), governance frameworks, external sand sources, offshore breakwater idea at West Beach, slowing longshore drift, stormwater impacts and an impact assessment for pipeline construction.

- Steve highlighted that the pipeline and external sand source projects are the government's adopted strategy and today's meeting was about influencing what could be included in an independent impact assessment of moving sand from Adelaide's northern beaches both short and long term.

- James highlighted that a separate impact assessment will be required as part of the Development Approval process for pipeline construction, and that this discussion will be picked up at subsequent meetings of the Securing the Future of our Coastline Community Reference Group.

- A comment was made regarding the immense work of volunteers along the coastline and that there appears to be a lack of acknowledgement in various reports undertaken of this ongoing contribution. James acknowledged the work of volunteers and stated that their work is highly valued by the Board.

3. Impact Assessment scoping meeting

For the purpose of this document, only a high level summary is included in this discussion summary, with a focus on areas of common interest to help inform the scope of the independent impact assessment. There was broader and more detailed discussion on a range of issues and views, including points of difference that were expressed by attendees (either their own views or those expressed on behalf of their community group) that have not been documented here, but that the department acknowledges.

A range of scenarios were discussed for possible inclusion into the independent impact assessment of moving sand from Adelaide northern beaches.

Areas of common interest included:

- How much sand can be taken safely between the jetties and north of Largs Jetty over shorter and longer terms without detrimental impacts to the sand dunes (with a particular focus on the narrow sections of dunes), noting that not all community groups currently support removal of any amount of sand from the area and the impact assessment will help inform their view.
- There was interest raised regarding the removal of seagrass and shells from the beach and if this will increase the rate of erosion.
- A deeper understanding of how much sand moves along the coast, the impact of the breakwater on sand movement, what is the quality of sand arriving to northern beaches, how much sand is arriving and what is lost from the littoral drift system.
- What are the impacts to shorebirds both short and long term.
- A full list of possible impacts from specific areas was submitted for review and possible inclusion.
- What are the impacts to beach users from the removal of sand, especially with respect to access?
- The effect of the removal of intertidal flora and fauna.

Note: James noted that for the purposes of this assessment DEW proposed to define social impacts as impacts to beach users as a direct result of removing sand, for example, the possible impacts to the beach if erosion occurs due to the removal of sand.

4. Wrap Up and Close

- Steve closed the meeting and reminded participants that James Guy will collate the feedback from the discussion and where possible include the points into the draft scoping summary.
- James asked whether those present had any preferences with respect to suitable consultants to undertake the work. The group advised no preferences, provided it was an independent assessment. James advised he would look to engage a consultant through a select tender process given the urgency.