

Appendix K – Coastal Zone Checklist

NSW Coastal Design Guidelines 2023 - Assessment checklist for planning proposals (PP)

Hierarchy of coastal management areas:

1. CWLRA = coastal wetlands and littoral rainforests area
2. CVA = coastal vulnerability area
3. CEA = coastal environment area
4. CUA = coastal use area

Outcome A. Protect and enhance coastal environmental values			
Requirement	Relevant coastal management area(s)	Applicable to PP (Y/N)	PP is consistent with guidelines (Y/N) If 'No', justify this
Outcome A.1 Protect coastal ecosystems			
A.1a Avoid development on undeveloped headlands and significant coastal landforms.	CVA, CEA	Yes	Y-Through the application of appropriate zonings and development controls the Northern Beaches Council comprehensive LEP (NBC LEP) seeks to avoid development on undeveloped headlands or significant coastal landform.
A.1b Do not increase development or intensify land uses where there is existing development on headlands and significant coastal landforms.	CVA, CEA	Yes	Y- The NBC LEP seeks to prevent the intensification of land uses on headlands or adjoining coastal landforms.
A.1c Identify, protect and enhance sensitive coastal ecosystems including coastal wetlands, littoral rainforests and other coastal threatened ecological communities that may be affected by development.	CWLRA, CEA	Yes	Y-Utilising accurate mapping of sensitive coastal ecosystems including coastal wetlands, littoral rainforests and other coastal threatened ecological communities the NBC LEP the applies appropriate zonings and development controls to protect sensitive coastal ecosystems.

Outcome A. Protect and enhance coastal environmental values

Requirement	Relevant coastal management area(s)	Applicable to PP (Y/N)	PP is consistent with guidelines (Y/N) If 'No', justify this
A. 1d Maintain and protect the presence of beaches, rock platforms, coastal dunes, riparian vegetation and the natural features of foreshores, including along estuaries and coastal lakes.	CWLRA, CVA, CEA	Yes	Y-The NBC LEP seeks to prevent actions and development that adversely impact beaches, rock platforms, coastal dunes, riparian vegetation and the natural features of foreshores, including along estuaries and coastal lakes.
A. 1e Use environmental buffers and limit the number of access points and pathways to protect coastal ecosystems. In some cases, it may not be appropriate to allow public access to areas with highly sensitive ecosystems or animal populations.	CWLRA, CEA, CUA	Yes	Y- The NBC LEP seeks to apply appropriate mechanisms to use environmental values and buffer to limit the impacts of public access on highly sensitive ecosystems and animal populations.
A. 1f Consider if the planning proposal is needed or if development zones could be better located to minimise effects on biodiversity.	CWLRA, CEA, CUA	Yes	Y - The NBC LEP is needed to adequately cover the extensive coastal environment of the Northern Beaches Council and allow implementation of the necessary Coastal Management Programs and Studies.
A. 1g Avoid development that may disturb, expose or drain areas of Class 1 and Class 2 acid sulfate soils.	CWLRA, CEA, CUA	Yes	Y- Through the application of accurate mapping and development controls the NBC LEP seeks to prevent development that may disturb, expose or drain areas of Class 1 and Class 2 acid sulfate soils.
A. 1h Consider direct and indirect effects of development, including any necessary infrastructure, on water quality, water quantity and hydrological flows of waterways and groundwater.	CEA, CUA	Yes	Y- The NBC LEP prescribes strategic outcomes and controls that require the consideration of direct and indirect effects of development, including any necessary infrastructure, on water quality, water quantity and hydrological flows of waterways and groundwater. This will ensure negative impacts are avoided.

Outcome A. Protect and enhance coastal environmental values

Requirement	Relevant coastal management area(s)	Applicable to PP (Y/N)	PP is consistent with guidelines (Y/N) If 'No', justify this
Outcome A.2 Protect coastal wetlands and littoral rainforests			
A.2a Identify coastal wetlands and littoral rainforests, including areas that could be rehabilitated or restored in the future, and do not increase development or intensify land uses in these areas.	CWLRA	Yes	Y- The NBC LEP utilises accurate mapping to identify coastal wetlands and littoral rainforests and proposes local provisions which consider opportunities to rehabilitate or restore these lands, limit development and the intensification of land uses.
A.2b Allow for the adaptive management of stormwater run-off so that the quality of water leaving the site is better than pre-development quality to lessen effects on coastal wetlands or other sensitive receiving environments.	CWLRA, CEA, CUA	Yes	Y-The NBC LEP will not impact on the ability to accommodate appropriate stormwater management measures in a range of development scenarios (at the development application stage).
A.2c Provide environmental buffers and riparian corridors that enable the long-term management and protection of areas of biodiversity and ecosystem integrity.	CWLRA, CVA, CEA, CUA	Yes	Y- The NBC LEP seek to apply appropriate mechanisms to provide for environmental buffers and riparian corridors that enable the long-term management and protection of areas of biodiversity and ecosystem integrity.
A.2d Identify and protect areas that allow for landward migration pathways for coastal wetlands to respond to climate change.	CWLRA, CEA	Yes	Y- The NBC LEP seeks to provide a strategic response to climate change and proposed zoning, land uses and control do not further hinder opportunities for landward migration pathways for coastal wetlands.
A.2e Exclude land uses that affect the natural state of coastal wetlands and littoral rainforests or that will make it harder to rehabilitate these ecosystems in the future.	CWLRA	Yes	Y- Through zonings and development controls the NBC LEP seeks to prevent activities and land uses that affect the natural state of coastal wetlands and littoral rainforests or that will make it

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			harder to rehabilitate these ecosystems in the future.
Outcome A.3 Protect marine parks and aquatic reserves			
A.3a Avoid development and land uses that affect the environmental, economic, social and cultural values of marine parks and aquatic reserves.	CEA, CUA	Yes	Y- Through the appropriate management and consideration of the values of marine parks on adjoining land the NBC LEP seeks to avoid negative effects on the environmental, economic, social and cultural values of marine parks and aquatic reserves.
A.3b Protect the ecological health of marine parks and aquatic reserves, including providing for riparian vegetation and buffers in their catchments.	CEA, CUA	Yes	Y- Through the appropriate management and consideration of the values of marine parks on adjoining land the NBC LEP will protect the ecological health of marine parks and aquatic reserves, including providing for riparian vegetation and buffers in their catchments.

Outcome B. Ensure the built environment is appropriate for the coast and local context

Requirement	Relevant coastal management areas	Applicable to PP (Y/N)	PP is consistent with guidelines (Y/N) If 'No', justified
Outcome B.1 Respond to and protect elements that make the place special			
B.1a Integrate development within the natural topography of the site and ensure land use, building scale and height respond sympathetically to coastal landforms.	CWLRA, CVA, CEA, CUA	Yes	Y-The NBC LEP does propose zones, standards and local provisions to ensure land use, building scale and height respond sympathetically to coastal landforms.

Outcome B. Ensure the built environment is appropriate for the coast and local context

Requirement	Relevant coastal management areas	Applicable to PP (Y/N)	PP is consistent with guidelines (Y/N) If 'No', justified
B.1b Ensure the intended form and footprint of development does not dominate coastal elements, including foreshores, public spaces and other areas of natural beauty.	CWLRA, CVA, CEA, CUA	Yes	Y - Through the application of appropriate zonings and controls the NBC LEP ensures intended form and footprint of development does not dominate coastal elements, including foreshores, public spaces and other areas of natural beauty.
B.1c Incorporate adaptive, water-sensitive urban design into the development footprint to reduce run-off and manage water quality within receiving environments.	CWLRA, CEA, CUA	Yes	Y-The NBC LEP seeks to introduce new WSUD considerations for future development footprints to reduce run-off and manage water quality within receiving environments (at the development application stage).
B.1d Ensure that lot sizes, building heights and density are appropriate for the coastal settlement, and complement the existing or desired local character, supported by place- based strategies.	CEA, CUA	Yes	Y- The NBC LEP utilises zonings and controls to ensure that lot sizes, building heights and density are appropriate for the coastal settlement, and complement the existing or desired local character, supported by place- based strategies.
B.1e Avoid development that would harm geological features and geoheritage.	CEA, CUA	Yes	Y- The NBC LEP seeks to avoid development that would harm any significant geological features or geoheritage.
Outcome B.2 Ensure urban development complements coastal scenic values			
B.2a Limit ribbon development and urban sprawl wherever possible. In certain locations, place-based strategies may support increased development density and building heights as a better response to urban growth.	CEA, CUA	Yes	Y- The NBC LEP gives effect to a range of place-based strategies may support increased development density and building heights as a better response to urban growth.

Outcome B. Ensure the built environment is appropriate for the coast and local context

Requirement	Relevant coastal management areas	Applicable to PP (Y/N)	PP is consistent with guidelines (Y/N) If 'No', justified
B.2b Use greenbelts to create, maintain and mark out separation between settlements.	CEA, CUA	Yes	Y-The NBC LEP seeks to maintain the unique characterisation of settlements across the Northern Beaches and values 'greenbelt' lands that exist between settlements
B.2c Consider effects on scenic values and maintain publicly accessible views to significant landmarks.	CEA, CUA	Yes	Y-The NBC LEP contains local provisions and standards for the consideration of scenic values and maintaining publicly accessible views to significant landmarks.
B.2d Ensure that building heights consider the effect on views from different vantage points.	CEA, CUA	Yes	Y- The NBC LEP contains provisions for building heights consider the effect on views from different vantage points.
B.2e Retain or create views from public spaces. Prioritise this over creating views from private property.	CEA, CUA	Yes	Y- The NBC LEP contains provisions to retain or create views from public spaces.
B.2f Provide for active transport links along foreshores, including along estuaries and coastal lakes, and between settlements to increase public access and amenity.	CWLRA, CVA, CEA, CUA	Yes	Y- The NBC LEP seeks to provide for existing and future active transport links.

Outcome C. Protect and enhance the social and cultural values of the coastal zone

Requirement	Relevant coastal management areas	Applicable to PP (Y/N)	PP is consistent with guidelines (Y/N) If 'No', justified
Outcome C.1 Protect and promote heritage values			
C.1a Ensure development does not harm heritage values or sites.	CWLRA, CVA, CEA, CUA	Yes	Y- The NBC LEP contains controls to ensure development does not harm heritage values or sites.
C.1b Work collaboratively with local Aboriginal people before and throughout the planning proposal process.	CWLRA, CVA, CEA, CUA	Yes	Y- The NBC LEP has been prepared with consideration of the Connecting With Country Framework which assists Council in responding to and advocating for Aboriginal communities.
C.1c With permission and guidance from local Traditional Custodians, identify and emphasise significant features of coastal land and sea Country.	CWLRA, CVA, CEA, CUA	Yes	As above (C.1b)
C.1d With permission and guidance from local Traditional Custodians, identify and protect sacred and significant areas through the appropriate siting of development.	CWLRA, CVA, CEA, CUA	Yes	As above (C.1b)
C.1e Ensure land use, building type, scale and height respond to heritage items and areas.	CEA, CUA	Yes	Y- The NBC LEP contains zonings and controls to ensure land use, building type, scale and height respond to heritage items and areas.
Outcome C.2 Provide public access to significant coastal assets			
C.2a Protect and, where practical, improve, public amenity, access to and use of beaches, foreshores, rock platforms, geoheritage sites and headlands, unless you must restrict access for	CVA, CEA	Yes	Y- The NBC LEP will apply the appropriate studies and Coastal Management Programs to protect to where practical, improve, public amenity, access to and use of beaches,

Outcome C. Protect and enhance the social and cultural values of the coastal zone

Requirement	Relevant coastal management areas	Applicable to PP (Y/N)	PP is consistent with guidelines (Y/N) If 'No', justified
public safety or for environmental or cultural protection. In doing so, consider both current and projected future coastal hazards.			foreshores, rock platforms, geoheritage sites and headlands, unless you must restrict access for public safety or for environmental or cultural protection under current and future conditions.
C.2b Identify opportunities to maintain and improve existing public access to beaches, foreshores, coastal waters and coastal lakes that support active and passive recreation activities, where this does not interfere with existing coastal industries.	CWLRA, CVA, CEA, CUA	Yes	Y- The NBC LEP will apply the appropriate studies and Coastal Management Programs to identify opportunities to maintain and improve existing public access to beaches, foreshores, coastal waters and coastal lakes that support active and passive recreation activities, where this does not interfere with existing coastal industries.
C.2c Consolidate access points and consider alternative access to protect sacred and significant Aboriginal cultural areas.	CWLRA, CVA, CEA, CUA	Yes	Y- The NBC LEP will set the strategic approach and draw on the appropriate studies and consultation with key stakeholders to seek to consolidate access points and consider alternative access to protect sacred and significant Aboriginal cultural areas.
C.2d Maintain and improve foreshore access and connections to existing or proposed networks of public open spaces. This includes waterways, riparian areas, bushland and parks for active and passive recreation.	CWLRA, CVA, CEA, CUA	Yes	Y- The NBC LEP provides zonings and provisions to maintain and improve foreshore access and open space in areas including waterways, riparian areas, bushland and parks for active and passive recreation.

Outcome C. Protect and enhance the social and cultural values of the coastal zone

Requirement	Relevant coastal management areas	Applicable to PP (Y/N)	PP is consistent with guidelines (Y/N) If 'No', justified
C.2e Consider opportunities to protect and improve habitat connectivity through settlements, such as those described in the <i>Greener Places Design Guide</i> .	CWLRA, CEA, CUA	Yes	Y- Implementation of the NBC LEP will provide for opportunities to protect and improve habitat connectivity and has been drafted with regard to the Greener Places Design Guide.
C.2f Avoid development on coastal dunes and foreshore reserves unless it is for essential public purposes, such as surf life-saving club buildings. Any building or structure located on dunes must be of lightweight construction and relocatable.	CVA, CEA	Yes	Y- The NBC LEP will apply controls to avoid development on coastal dunes and foreshore reserves and recognise essential public purposes, such as surf life-saving club buildings in the proposed zoning.
C.2g Define the boundaries of development sites with a public edge -for example, a pedestrian pathway or public laneway.	CEA, CUA	Yes	Y- The NBC LEP will apply controls to define appropriate boundaries of development sites with a public edge -for example, a pedestrian pathway or public laneway.
C.2h Prevent the privatisation of coastal open space by ensuring development next to foreshores is set back, maintains public access and accessibility, and provides links and connections to other public accessways.	CEA, CUA	Yes	Y- The NBC LEP will apply zonings and controls to limit development in foreshore areas, including foreshore building lines.

Outcome C.3 Protect public amenity

C.3a Avoid development that will overshadow the beach, foreshore or public domain. Apply the standard that there must be no overshadowing before 4	CEA, CUA	Yes	Y- The NBC LEP will apply controls to avoid development that will overshadow the beach, foreshore or public domain.
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Outcome C. Protect and enhance the social and cultural values of the coastal zone

Requirement	Relevant coastal management areas	Applicable to PP (Y/N)	PP is consistent with guidelines (Y/N) If 'No', justified
pm (midwinter) and 7 pm (Eastern Daylight Saving Time).			
C.3b Protect the amenity of public spaces from buildings, structures or land uses that may be visually and/or acoustically intrusive or create wind funnels.	CEA, CUA	Yes	Y- The NBC LEP will apply controls to protect the amenity of public spaces from buildings, structures or land uses that may be visually and/or acoustically intrusive or create wind funnels.

Outcome D. Support sustainable coastal economies

Requirement	Relevant coastal management areas	Applicable to PP (Y/N)	PP is consistent with guidelines (Y/N) If 'No', justified
Outcome D.1 Support sustainable industries and recreational activities that depend on the coast			
D.1a Ensure that development will not harm sustainable coastal industries needing waterfront access, or recreational use of the coastal environment.	CEA, CUA	Yes	Y- The NBC LEP retains existing zones that support sustainable coastal industries needing waterfront access, or recreational use of the coastal environment.
D.1b Protect and improve essential facilities such as access ramps and jetties for sustainable coastal industries needing waterfront access.	CEA, CUA	Yes	Y- The NBC LEP will contain controls that protect and improve essential facilities such as access ramps and jetties for sustainable coastal industries needing waterfront access.
D.1c Ensure access ramps, jetties, pontoons, groynes and other structures do not impede navigation on the water or harm coastal landforms or impair	CWLRA, CVA, CEA, CUA	Yes	Y- The NBC LEP will contain controls that require consultation with the appropriate State Government Departments ensure access ramps, jetties,

Outcome D. Support sustainable coastal economies			
Requirement	Relevant coastal management areas	Applicable to PP (Y/N)	PP is consistent with guidelines (Y/N) If 'No', justified
processes such as surf breaks.			pontoons, groynes and other structures do not impede navigation on the water or harm coastal landforms or impair processes such as surf breaks.
D.1d Ensure that the proposal considers how development in a waterway may affect the land.	CEA, CUA	Yes	Y- The NBC LEP will apply zonings and controls that ensure that proposals consider how development in a waterway may affect that and adjoining land.
Outcome D.2 Promote green infrastructure			
D.2a Do not allow development that is likely to significantly reduce connectivity of existing green infrastructure.	CEA, CUA	Yes	Y- The NBC LEP will apply controls to prevent the significant reduction of connectivity of existing green infrastructure.
D.2b Provide for diverse green infrastructure that can support the changing needs of current and future communities, and provide tourism and recreational opportunities.	CEA, CUA	Yes	Y- The NBC LEP will provide regional direction that provides for diverse green infrastructure that can support the changing needs of current and future communities, and provide tourism and recreational opportunities that are applied in the detailed design and development application stages.

Outcome E. Respond to coastal hazards			
Requirement	Relevant coastal management areas	Applicable to PP (Y/N)	PP is consistent with guidelines (Y/N) If 'No', justified
Outcome E.1 Respond to coastal processes			
E.1a Planning proposals that affect land within a coastal hazard and risk area must not alter coastal processes in a way that harms the natural environment or other land.	CWLRA, CVA, CEA, CUA	Yes	Y- The NBC LEP will apply the appropriate Coastal Management Programs (CMPs) and studies to ensure future activities not alter coastal processes in a way that harms the natural environment or other land that affect land within a coastal hazard and risk area.
E.1b Exclude development in areas affected by a current or projected future coastal hazard that is likely to increase the risk of coastal hazards on that land or other land.	CWLRA, CVA, CEA, CUA	Yes	Y- The NBC LEP will apply the appropriate CMPs and studies to determine the appropriate response to future development proposals in areas affected by a current or projected future coastal hazard to ensure the likely risk is not increased on these lands.
E.1c Locate or consolidate development in areas with little or no exposure to current and projected future coastal hazards, to ensure public safety and prevent risks to life.	CWLRA, CVA, CEA, CUA	Yes	Y- The NBC LEP will apply the appropriate CMPs and studies to consolidate development in areas with little or no exposure to current and projected future coastal hazards, to ensure public safety and prevent risks to life.
E.1d Do not increase development potential or intensify land uses in a coastal hazard or risk area.	CWLRA, CVA, CEA, CUA	Yes	Y- The NBC LEP will apply the appropriate CMPs and studies to ensure future development potential or intensification are not increased in coastal hazard risk areas.
Outcome E.2 Account for natural hazard risks			
E.2a Identify areas on and near the proposal that are affected by current or projected future coastal hazards. Ensure that the	CWLRA, CVA, CEA, CUA	Yes	Y- The NBC LEP will apply the appropriate CMPs and studies to identify areas that are affected by current

Outcome E. Respond to coastal hazards			
Requirement	Relevant coastal management areas	Applicable to PP (Y/N)	PP is consistent with guidelines (Y/N) If 'No', justified
proposal is compatible with any identified threat or risk.			or projected future coastal hazards throughout the LGA.
E.2b Account for potential interaction between coastal hazards and other current and future natural hazards. This includes flooding, bushfires, landslip, heatwaves, severe storms, east coast lows and cyclones. Refer to the <i>Strategic Guide to Planning for Natural Hazards</i> .	CWLRA, CVA, CEA, CUA	Yes	Y- The NBC LEP has been drafted with reference to the Strategic Guide to Planning for Natural Hazards. Efforts are made to account for potential interaction between coastal hazards and other current and future natural hazards. This includes flooding, bushfires, landslip, heatwaves, severe storms, east coast lows and cyclones.
E.2c Manage natural hazard risk within the development site. Avoid using public space or adjoining land to lessen risk.	CWLRA, CVA, CEA, CUA	Yes	Y- The NBC LEP applies the appropriate zonings and controls to provide for the management of natural hazard risk and avoids using public space or adjoining land to lessen risk.
Outcome E.3 Account for climate change			
E.3a Demonstrate that the proposal applies a 100-year planning horizon for the full range of climate change projections for coastal hazards. This approach recognises that sea level is projected to continue to rise for centuries because of climate change.	CWLRA, CVA, CEA, CUA	Yes	Y- The NBC LEP will apply the appropriate CMPs and studies to understand and take the necessary actions to incorporate the full range of climate change projections for coastal hazards into all strategic planning and decision making. Recognising that sea level rise projected to rise for centuries.
E.3b Consider how climate change could affect the risk profile of existing natural hazards and create new vulnerabilities and exposure for the proposal in the future.	CWLRA, CVA, CEA, CUA	Yes	Y- The NBC LEP will apply the appropriate studies and hazard management frameworks to consider how climate change could affect the risk profile of existing natural hazards and create new vulnerabilities and exposure for the proposal in the future.

Outcome E. Respond to coastal hazards			
Requirement	Relevant coastal management areas	Applicable to PP (Y/N)	PP is consistent with guidelines (Y/N) If 'No', justified
Outcome E.4 Provide sustainable defences to coastal hazards			
E.4a Reduce exposure to coastal hazards by protecting, restoring or improving natural defences. This includes coastal dunes, vegetation, coastal floodplains and coastal wetlands, where suitable.	CWLRA, CVA, CEA, CUA	Yes	Y- The NBC LEP will apply the appropriate CMPs and studies to identify the appropriate opportunities for protecting, restoring or improving natural defences to reduce exposure to coastal hazards.
E.4b If natural defences are not possible, reduce exposure to coastal hazards without significantly degrading: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • biological diversity and ecosystem integrity • ecological, biophysical, geological and geomorphological coastal processes • beach and foreshore amenity, or the social and cultural value of these areas • public safety and access to, or use of, beaches or headlands. 	CWLRA, CVA, CEA, CUA	Yes	Y- The NBC LEP will apply the appropriate CMPs and studies to prioritise natural defences to coastal hazards. As well as ensure provisions are made for efforts to reduce exposure without significantly degrading integrity, coastal processes, amenity, or the social and cultural value, and public safety and access when protection solutions are required
Outcome E.5 Protect essential infrastructure			
E.5a Locate and design essential infrastructure to reduce vulnerability to current and projected future coastal hazards. Consider the effects of climate change over at least a 100-year planning horizon.	CWLRA, CVA, CEA, CUA	Yes	Y- The NBC LEP will apply the appropriate CMPs and studies to provide for the future location and design of essential infrastructure.
E.5b Where exposure to coastal hazards cannot be avoided, prepare adaptation plans for essential service	CWLRA, CVA, CEA, CUA	Yes	Y- Through application of CMPs and adaptation plans the NBC LEP will provide strategic guidance and controls to assist

Outcome E. Respond to coastal hazards

Requirement	Relevant coastal management areas	Applicable to PP (Y/N)	PP is consistent with guidelines (Y/N) If 'No', justified
infrastructure. These plans should be consistent with any applicable coastal management program.			the adaptation of essential service to climate change.
E.5c Consult local Aboriginal land management experts and emergency management agencies on how to strategically locate access routes and other essential infrastructure.	CWLRA, CVA, CEA, CUA	Yes	Y- A range of agency consultations are anticipated following gateway determination of the NBC LEP to ensure access routes and other essential infrastructure are located strategically.
Outcome E.6 Change land uses to manage legacy issues and avoid creating new ones			
E.6a Ensure the proposal will not require coastal management interventions to remain viable over its expected lifespan.	CWLRA, CVA, CEA, CUA	Yes	Y- The NBC LEP will apply the appropriate CMPs and studies to implement the necessary zonings and controls to ensure all future development is viable over its lifespan.
E.6b Consider the potential legacy effects of the proposal and if the proposed land uses or development will create a social, environmental, economic or cultural burden for future generations.	CWLRA, CVA, CEA, CUA	Yes	Y- The NBC LEP will apply the appropriate CMPs and studies to prevent future legacy effects of development or land uses.
E.6c Consider if the proposed change of land use could remove redundant legacy infrastructure or reduce existing legacy effects.	CWLRA, CVA, CEA, CUA	Yes	Y- The NBC LEP will apply the appropriate CMPs and studies to implement that appropriate response to redundant legacy infrastructure and existing legacy effects.

Notes for planning proposal checklist to assess against the guidelines

This document provides an example of the level of detail needed to complete the planning proposal checklist. The checklist helps to demonstrate how a planning proposal in the coastal zone is consistent with and gives effect to the requirements of section 3.2 of the NSW Coastal Design Guidelines 2023.

How to use the checklist

The checklist contains 4 columns. The proponent should fill the final two columns.

Column 1: Requirement

This column replicates the requirements in section 3.2 of the guidelines. Do not modify or remove any text from this column.

Column 2: Relevant coastal management area(s)

This column lists the coastal management areas where the requirement must be applied. Do not modify or remove any text from this column.

Column 3: Applicable to planning proposal (Y/N)

The answer in this column confirms if any part of the planning proposal site is located in any one of the coastal management areas listed in column 2.

Column 4: Planning proposal is consistent with the guidelines (Y/N)

If column 3 is “Yes”:

- and the requirement is relevant to the proposal, and the requirement has been addressed, state “Yes” and provide a brief explanation.
- and the requirement is relevant to the proposal, but the requirement has not addressed, state “No” and provide justification for the inconsistency.
- and the requirement is not relevant to the proposal, state “N/A” and provide a brief explanation.

Managing inconsistency between requirements

If there is an inconsistency between requirements, the hierarchy of coastal management areas applies and the requirement relevant to the higher coastal management area prevails to the extent of any inconsistency.

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