



# Lake Conjola Coastal Management Program

## Summary of Community Engagement

### Stage 1

Identify the scope of the CMP

### Stage 2

Determine the risks, vulnerabilities & opportunities

### Stage 3

Identify & evaluate options

### Stage 4

Prepare, exhibit, finalise, certify & adopt the CMP

### Stage 5

Implement, monitor & evaluate



Lake Conjola Entrance

CMP stages	What we asked	What we heard	What we actioned	Full report
<b>Stage 1 – Identify the scope of the CMP</b>	<p>How the community values, uses and interacts with the Shoalhaven Coastal Zone and what issues and concerns do they have for these areas.</p> <p>What issues exist within the Lake Conjola Estuary?</p>	<p>Several key issues and concerns related to the Lake Conjola Estuary with the following being of high priority:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Entrance Management</li> <li>• Water Quality and estuary health</li> <li>• Foreshore Erosion</li> <li>• Recreational Amenity and boating</li> </ul> <p>Importance of the estuary to the community and their lifestyle, local business and wellbeing.</p> <p>Need for the CMP to be transparent, involve local stakeholders and consider historical studies in developing management actions.</p>	<p>To address key issues, technical studies were identified for completion in Stage 2 to gain a more detailed understanding of the key issues impacting on Lake Conjola Estuary. This also considered historical studies and data for the Lake.</p> <p>Further consultation was arranged for Stage 2 to gain more insights from the community on the risks and issues to be considered in the CMP.</p> <p><a href="#">Project Page</a> for the Lake Conjola CMP was set up to allow stakeholders to keep up to date with development of the CMP.</p>	<p><a href="#">Final Coastal Management Program Scoping Study</a></p>
<b>Stage 2 – Determine the risks, vulnerabilities, and opportunities</b>	<p>Based on what we heard during Stage 1, we asked for community feedback and information to expand on the identified risks, vulnerabilities, and opportunities for management they considered to be facing the Lake Conjola Estuary and coastal zone.</p>	<p>Key issues from Stage 1 were re-iterated.</p> <p>Issues related to recreational boating and navigation of the Lake entrance.</p> <p>Presence of culturally important sites within the study area that require protection from coastal hazards.</p>	<p>Technical studies were carried out to increase understanding of the key issues. These studies also considered previous studies and data available for the region.</p> <p>Key issues identified were used to develop potential management actions to be evaluated in Stage 3 of the CMP process.</p>	<p><a href="#">CMP Stage 2 – Report A – Environmental, Social &amp; Cultural Assets and Attributes</a></p> <p><a href="#">CMP Stage 2 – Report B – Threats and Risk Assessment</a></p> <p><a href="#">CMP Stage 2 – Report C – Entrance Processes and Entrance Management Options</a></p>

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<b>Stage 3 – Identify and evaluate options</b>	We asked for feedback on <u>potential management actions</u> that had been developed following the completion of technical studies, consideration of historical reports, as well as feedback from stakeholders and the community as part of Stage 1 and 2 of the CMP, and technical advice from experts on the project team.	<p>Feedback indicated community interest in potential management actions related to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Entrance Management – Management of the entrance opening to consider coastal hazards, flood risk and environmental impacts (i.e. to threatened and native species)</li> <li>Opportunities for improved recreation at Lake Conjola through all ability access, boating facility upgrades and watercraft storage locations</li> <li>Need for better stormwater management to protect Lake water quality</li> <li>Protection of the environment and sensitive ecological areas such as wetlands and saltmarsh, as well as marine ecology and biodiversity.</li> <li>Protection of areas and locations of cultural heritage significance.</li> </ul>	<p>Community feedback was used as part of the evaluation of management actions. This was considered alongside technical studies completed in Stage 2, previous community consultation and historical studies to identify the management actions carried through to Stage 4.</p> <p>This evaluation required the CMP Project Team to consider the following criteria to evaluate the management actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Feasibility</b> – practicality of the proposed option and the ability for it to be implemented, as well as the ability to reduce risk from the coastal hazard</li> <li><b>Viability</b> – economic considerations and cost to implement, including a cost-benefit analysis for entrance management options.</li> <li><b>Acceptability</b> – level of support from stakeholders</li> </ul> <p>The way community feedback was considered in this process is documented in the <u>'Closing the Loop' Summary Report</u>.</p> <p>The final action list can be seen in the draft Stage 4 CMP report presented for public exhibition.</p>	<a href="#">CMP Stage 3 – Identify and Evaluate Options Report</a>
<b>Stage 4 – Prepare, exhibit, finalise, certify and adopt CMP</b>	We asked for feedback and comments on the draft CMP and the management actions included for implementation over the next 10–years.	[To be updated following public exhibition]	[To be updated following public exhibition]	<a href="#">Lake Conjola Coastal Management Program</a>