



# Canal Maintenance Program Review

November 2021 Ordinary Meeting

# Background

- 6 main canal systems (dated 1960's through to 2020).
- Council 2012/2020 endorsed service levels.
- Independent review undertaken due to ongoing community concerns about Council's service levels/statutory obligations.
- Independent review undertaken.
- Review found Council complies with obligations associated with *Coastal Protection & Management Act*.
- Range of improvements recommended.



# Review changes/improvements

- Maintenance Responsibilities
- Dredging equipment
- Beach profiles
- Dredging approvals
- Dredging specifications
- Turbidity management
- Vegetation



# Review changes/improvements

- Litter
- Rock scour protection
- Illegal Structures
- Communications
- Canal surveys
- Quality control
- Other local governments
- Financing



# Targeted consultation

External consultation was undertaken via targeted community engagement both as part of the review process (submissions provided) and post final review development.

Feedback from this consultation, included:

- general support for review outcomes
- request that the new lower sand profile arrangements be monitored to ensure improved service cycle is effective
- ensure budget levels are maintained (core/CPI)
- support for the implementation program
- recognise the importance of improved communication

# Report recommendations

That Council:

- (a) receive and note the report titled “Canal Maintenance Program Review”
- (b) support prioritisation and implementation of the recommended actions from the “Review of Canal Maintenance Procedures” (Appendix A) and
- (c) refer the Canal Maintenance program Review recommendations to the next available budget review or annual budget process for consideration.

Thank you.



See council's website for further details  
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