

Chris Simpson (discussion)

Asked for comment on bio-regional approach to marine park planning. Marine Conservation Branch are proposing to adopt this approach and look at multiple reserve proposals (this is being considered by the MRPA).

Nick D'Adamo (discussion)

Suggestion that we use the research framework paper prepared by Chris Simpson et. al. to readdress research priorities relating to social issues / nature-based recreation and tourism / marine management. Currently only 1.5% of DCLM's science budget is expended on marine research.

Questions

Rod Annear

Would you (Chris) be prepared to lead a coup on Crawley? Role played by MCB after management plan has been prepared?

Chris - a unit is set up expressly to assist regions and districts.

Paul McCluskey

In terms of DCLM restructuring, the MCB model has a lot of appeal.

Chris – Favours integrated approach. The actual admin structure needs to be issue focussed, not activity focussed as it currently is. Need to bring people together in the appropriate teams / groups to deliver the desired outcomes. Need to amend the 'mind set' that we work in separate 'outputs' such as NC and PVS as they are artificial categories.

Colin Ingram

Q to Nick D'Adamo - Applying the limits of acceptable change model to marine licensing issues very resource hungry. Need to come up with more effective/practical approach.

Nick – Answer is no, but may be a definitional issue. Need to determine what is an acceptable departure from an accepted standard / benchmark.

Chris Simpson accepts the cost issue, but believes the LAC approach is soundly based. Can use human usage databases and practical approach to get some meaningful data without engaging in a very intensive research / monitoring program.

Vicki Winfield

Monitoring of campsites, etc. we don't yet know how many pieces of wood need to remain around a campsite before damage occurs. We need to have a framework that is bioregional based / linked. Need to develop framework and standards. Key indicators are required.

Colin Ingram - Move to 'limits of acceptable use'. Difficult issue. Need to ensure what we do is linked to the ecological issue of thresholds. Do not want to exceed the ecological issues of no return.

Daryl Moncrieff

Use of survey forms plugged into management plans.

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Whatever is proposed in terrestrial plans will impact on marine estate. Turquoise Bay is an example where carpark has been increased.

Chris – Marine staff not consulted. Visitor safety issues at Turquoise Bay.