

The Hon Tim Crakanthorp MP
Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education
Minister for the Hunter



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Ms Alison Rigby and Melanie Taggart
Co-Presidents
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Re: Stockton Beach Election Commitment

Alison & Melanie

Dear Ms Taggart and Ms Rigby

Thank you for your letter of 10 April 2023 regarding the NSW Government Stockton Beach Election Commitment.

I acknowledge your strong advocacy over many years on behalf of the Stockton community.

Unlike the former government, the Minns Labor Government is getting on with the job of delivering for the Stockton Community.

The Department of Regional NSW is leading the delivery of the \$4.7 million grant from the Commonwealth Government and a further \$1.5 million co-contribution from the City of Newcastle to deliver the activities outlined in the Commonwealth Coastal and Estuarine Risk Mitigation Program (CERMP) funding application, including:

- Initial dredging and sand placement on the beach.
- Investigations to find suitable sand options to support a long-term solution to erosion issues.

NSW Public Works is undertaking project management of the CERMP funded works. A project manager has been assigned and continues to engage City of Newcastle to understand completed studies in preparation for sand placement works, and sand sourcing investigations. This initial work will help create a blueprint to roll out the NSW Government's \$21 million election commitment that will be managed by the Department of Planning and Environment.

NSW Public Works are also progressing investigations of long-term sand sourcing options.

As was recently announced, the Minister for Regional NSW will Chair the Stockton Beach Taskforce and will convene a meeting on 15 June 2023. The Taskforce will be a conduit from the Government to the community on activities underway and progress made.

I trust this is of assistance, however, if you have any further inquiries, I have asked Mr Scott Goold, A/Director, Regional Development, Hunter and Central Coast, to be available to answer any questions you may have. Mr Goold can be contacted at scott.goold@regional.nsw.gov.au

Thank you for taking the time to contact me about this important matter.

Sincerely,



Tim Crakanthorp MP
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cc: the Hon. Tara Moriarty, Minister for Regional NSW