

Cockburn Sound Management Council Communique

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Latest news

- Members of Cockburn Sound Management Council (Council) attended Westport's stakeholder consultation for Stage 3 planning of Western Australia's new container port and landside supply chain on 21 August 2023. Westport provided an update on the shortlisted marine terminal designs.
- The Council has worked with the Western Australian Marine Science Institution (WAMSI) to identify and scope research projects to assist with the management of Cockburn Sound, including projects in the WAMSI Westport Marine Science Program. Further information on the program is available at [here](#).
- The Council is also working with WAMSI to assist in advising the Western Australian Government on the feasibility and implementation of a proposed Shared Environmental Analytics Facility (SEAF). The SEAF would provide decision support tools for cumulative impact assessment and environmental management and monitoring. Cockburn Sound was selected as one of two regional areas for the SEAF pilot study.
- The Council recently reported on the overall state of Cockburn Sound marine area, including trends in water quality and associated environmental values. The report was published in July 2023 and is available at [here](#).

Who is Cockburn Sound Management Council?

The Council is an advisory council to the Minister for Environment - established under section 25 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*. The Council was set up in 2000 as a Committee of the Water and Rivers Commission's Board.

The Council provides advice to the Minister for Environment on the environmental management of Cockburn Sound, in particular the protection and maintenance of water quality and associated environmental values of the Cockburn Sound marine area set in the *State Environmental (Cockburn Sound) Policy 2015*.

The Council facilitates and coordinates stakeholder and community input into the environmental management of Cockburn Sound. The Council includes representatives from community, conservation and recreation groups, industry and local, State and Australian Government agencies.

More information

Further information on Cockburn Sound, including technical reports, is available at [Cockburn Sound Management Council | Western Australian Government \(www.wa.gov.au\)](http://www.wa.gov.au).

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