



Worimi Conservation Lands Sustainable Camping Project *Stakeholder group meetings #4 & #5*

Meeting #4 – Saturday 13 August, 2016

Addressing challenges at potential campsites

At meeting #3 the group identified options for addressing or overcoming the key challenges to establishing campsites at proposed locations identified in meeting #2.

Worimi rangers presented detailed information on current options, techniques and materials for protecting and managing access across the frontal dune, protecting Aboriginal sites, and delineating campsites. The group discussed the pros and cons of these techniques and the likelihood of them proving successful in mitigating the impacts of camping. Successfully managing vehicle crossing over the frontal dune and onto the beachfront was recognised as a critical challenge, especially given the impacts of tide and wave action at the point where the crossing structure meets the beachfront.



The outcomes of this discussion provided the group a framework in which to consider the potential for successfully mitigating impacts at each proposed campsite location. The group was then able to prioritise the potential campsite locations – this is a key aspect of the camping proposal to be prepared for consideration by the WCL board.

WCL board members provided their perspective on key points of consideration for any camping proposal presented to the board. The board considers protection of Worimi cultural sites as critically important. An approach that allows for ongoing monitoring and risk mitigation - given the nature and extent of the challenges the group had discussed – was also a priority.



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Meeting #5 – Saturday 27 August, 2016

Testing ideas in the field

Meeting #5 of the stakeholder group was a field trip to the RVA in the WCL. The group visited proposed campsite locations identified in meeting #2 to re-examine and assess their suitability. At each site the group discussed the challenges and options for mitigating impacts of camping, and the likelihood of success. Protection of Worimi cultural sites, and frontal dune rehabilitation were key areas of focus for the group.

