

Pittwater Council's Sea Level Rise Seminar

Thursday 29 May 2008

A message from the NSW Minister for Planning the Hon. Frank Sartor MP

The Minister for Planning Frank Sartor has offered his support to this conference and reiterated the importance of getting long-term planning right in relation to this important issue.

This is why the State Government will be working with councils to consider the likely impact of sea level rise to ensure communities can best face the impacts of climate change.

The NSW Department of Planning and the Department of Environment and Climate Change have already begun work on guidelines to assist councils and will be seeking the involvement of the Commonwealth to ensure a consistent approach to coastal planning throughout Australia.

A recent initiative includes the use of airborne laser technology to map low-lying areas in Wyong, Lake Macquarie, Newcastle City and Port Stephens council areas to assess vulnerability to future sea level rise.