

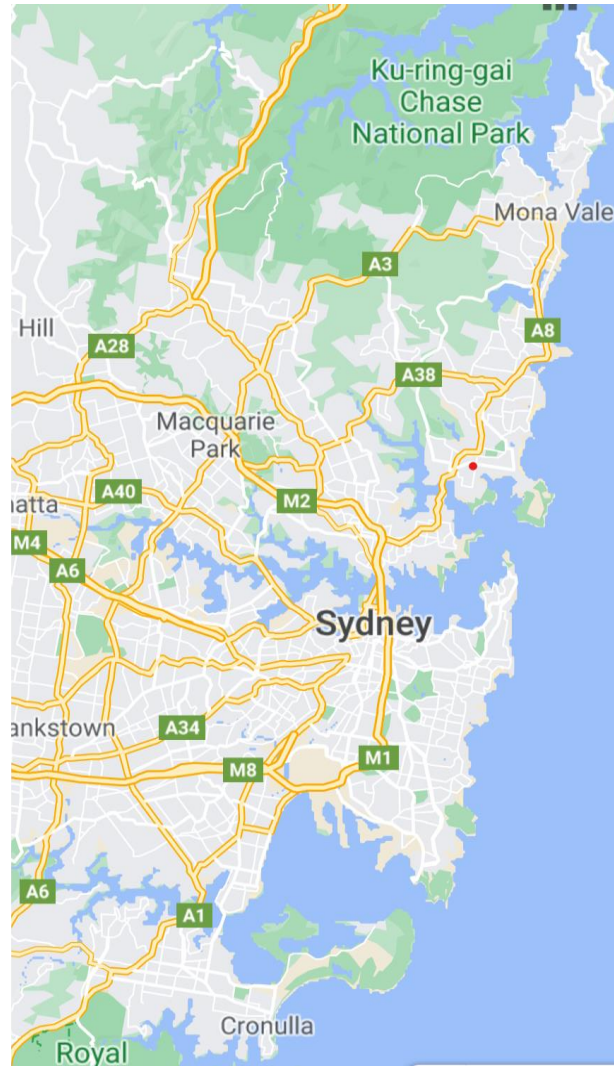
Improving our coasts and estuaries through regional collaboration of councils



Who we are

- Began 30 years ago – sewer outfalls on Sydney beaches
- Incorporated Association established in 1989
- Identified as a special Regional Organisation of Councils (ROC)
- 9 Member Councils

Location and members



Bayside Council



Sutherland Shire COUNCIL



INNER WEST COUNCIL



1.3 Million

Our Approach

GOAL 2: Capacity Building

Develop and exchange knowledge and tools to support the role and build the capacity of Member Councils.



GOAL 1: Collaboration

Facilitate cooperation between, and coordination of, actions by Member Councils and coastal stakeholders.



GOAL 4: Research

Identify and address current and emerging regional coastal issues.



GOAL 3: Advocacy

Provide a regional and cohesive voice representing Member Councils.



SCCG's Vision



Resilient and healthy coastal and estuarine environments that are protected, conserved and managed in a manner consistent with principles of ecologically sustainable development

Our Six Goals



People and Places adapt to a changing climate and future shocks and stressors



Waterways and the foreshore are protected and healthier



Marine biodiversity is protected in the bioregion



The SCCG Region is comprised of sustainable and 'smart' cities



There is a collaborative, effective and consistent approach to coastal and estuarine management



SCCG is trusted and respected to make representations that reflect the values of its members



What works

Technical Committee

Sand Management Working Group

Advocacy

- Develop evidence-based submissions
- Invite state-agencies to workshop reforms and respond to impediments
- Meet with Ministers

Capacity- building

- Peer to peer learning
- Information sharing with State and Commonwealth

Collaboration

- Apply for regional grants
- Government and Research institutions – through MOUs



Greater Sydney Harbour Coastal Management Program

To improve and sustain waterway health through a whole of catchment approach

Coastal Management Programs

NSW Coastal Management Act 2016

Council, ROC or public authority can apply

Requires certification from Minister for Local Government

Relevant objects:

- Protect and enhance environmental values

- Support social and cultural values

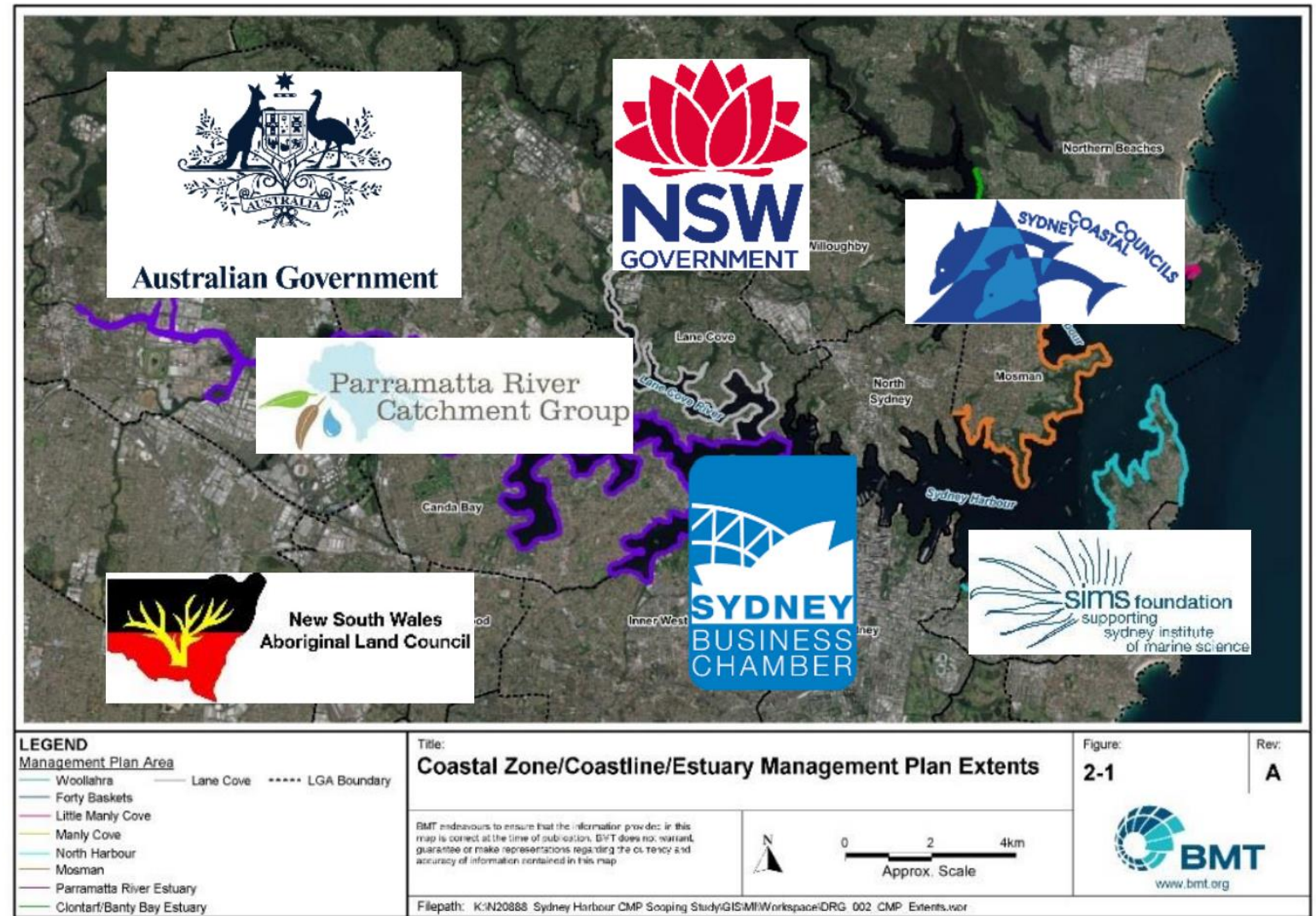
- Mitigate current and future climate change risks

- Coordination of policies and activities



33 organisations

- 21 Councils
- State and Federal Organisations



Opportunities from a Sydney Harbour CMP

- Potential to establish a clear governance framework for managing Greater Sydney Harbour
- Opportunity to develop a strategic and integrated long-term plan for Sydney Harbour (for the first time), that can address system-wide threats and drive parallel planning processes / strategies
- Provides a vehicle to secure significant funding for planning and action
- Provides statutory immunity for Councils

Improve waterway health by reducing priority threats

Urban Stormwater Discharge

Strengthen planning provisions

Increase adoption of WSUD

Better manage or upgrade stormwater devices

Marine Debris

Move to a circular economy

Better manage or upgrade stormwater devices

Increase clean-up activities

Sewage Discharge

Tighten licences and operating standards

Upgrade sewer systems

Rapidly respond to incidents

Disturbance of contaminated sediments

Avoidance of key areas

Strengthen protections in DA process

Marine vessels & Infrastructure

Strengthen biosecurity

Improve compliance

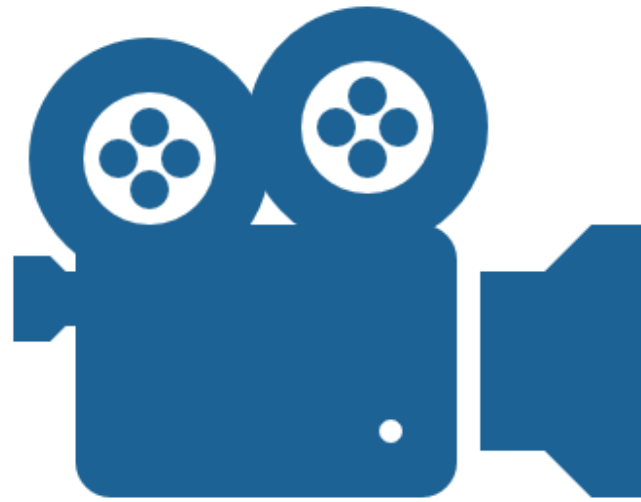
Increase sea-grass friendly moorings

Climate change

Increase fish friendly habitats

Increase green infrastructure

Install living seawalls



Greater Sydney Harbour Education Video

- to encourage buy-in to the CMP
- later used for public consultation

What to avoid

Not formalising alliance through an MOU or becoming an Incorporated Association

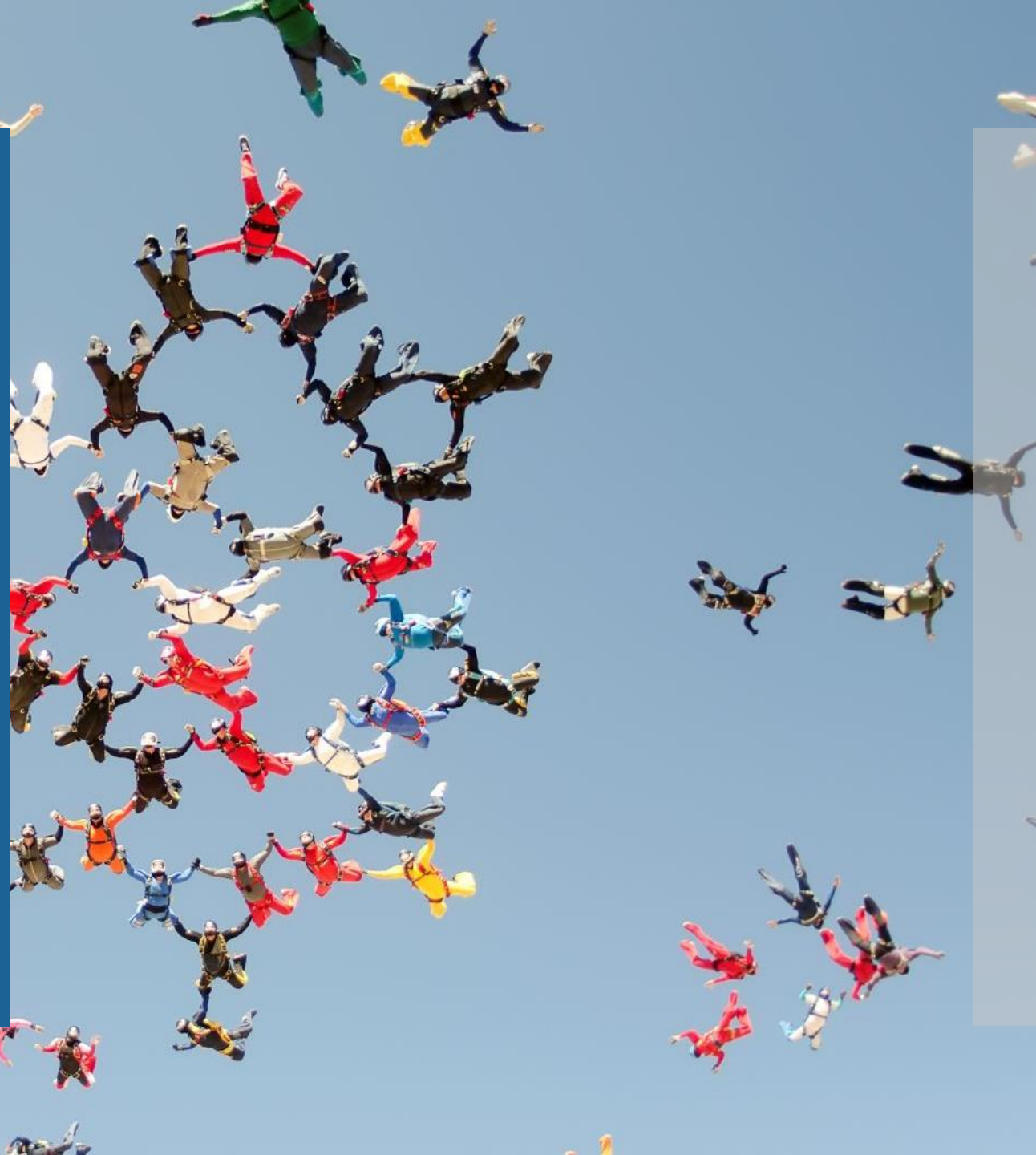
Not having adequate resources for your Secretariat

Only having short term commitments by members

Having gaps in your region/catchment

Not having a strategic plan

Not having champions within your Council





Questions?