Australian coastal management

- No federal coastal legislation or national coastal policy
- Commonwealth few powers directly related to coastal management except specific areas such as Great Barrier Reef or Defence purpose land, and
  - Indirect financial and funding powers
  - Leading national policy making
  - Influence through Council of Australian Governments
- States vested with powers to determine land use under Commonwealth Constitution
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New South Wales coastal policy

- Major reform:
  1) totally new *Coastal Management Act 2016* assented to (not operational)
  2) SEPP (being finalised) to map 4 coastal areas & replace old *Coastal Policy*
  3) Coastal Manual (being finalised)

- Transition for current Coastal Panel until new Coastal Council (under legislation)

- Coastal legislation linked to state planning for compliance & to marine estate for development control in nearshore, lakes and estuaries
  - Legislation defines fluctuating coastal zone to recognise dynamic nature and specifies 7 types of coastal hazards affecting levels of vulnerability
  - Legislation requires incorporation of current and future sediment budgets into planning rather than short-term localised management responses
Northern Territory coastal management

- No coastal policy but focus on Darwin Harbour Strategy
- 85% of NT in Aboriginal ownership under *Aboriginal Land Rights (NT) Act 1976*
Queensland coastal management plan and state planning policy

- QLD Coastal Plan 2012 suspended by change of government replaced by SPP (2013) no SLR or CC
- Coast Management District revised (2016) & $12M provided for coast hazard adaptation strategies
South Australia coast strategies and coastal planning

- Attempts to review *Coast Protection Act 1972* (44 yrs old) have all failed
- Coastal Planning in *Development Act 1993* (*Planning, Development & Infrastructure Act 2016*)
- Policy Document 2002 *revised 2012* (non-statutory) – headpowers planning legislation
- Living Coast Strategy 2004 (non-statutory)
- Living Beaches Strategy 2005-25 (non-statutory)
Tasmanian coastal policy

- *Validation Act 2003* redefined ‘coast’ so Policy could be re-instated
- Policy under review since 2004 – latest consultation draft 2013
- Inaction on Crown land, hiatus, loss of government coastal group by 2014
Victorian coastal strategy

- Coastal Strategy 2014 (statutory - state wide) prepared by Victorian Coastal Council (VCC)
- VCC headpowers under *Coastal Management Act 1995*
- VCC supported by 3 regional boards which develop sub-regional coastal action plans
- Proposed (mid-2018) *Marine and Coastal Act* – consultation paper (8 wks) released this week
- VCC and 3 regional boards to operate under current regime until mid-2018
West Australian coastal planning policy

- State Coastal Planning Policy SPP2.6 under *Planning and Development Act 2005*
- Coastal Planning & Coordination Council defunct (not met since 2014)
- Policy and Guidelines amended 2012 (released 2013)
- Coastal Hazard Risk & Adaptation Guidelines (Sep 2014)
- New Inter-agency Coastal Management Advisory Group (2016) to update coastal policy *inter alia*
Summary

- No federal coastal legislation or national coastal policy
- Turnbull government active on national coastal adaptation to CC and hazard risk mitigation
- Only 4 states have dedicated coastal legislation
- Most states have coastal policies linked to planning legislation
- 2016 NSW introduced new coastal legislation & policy - linked to marine estate and estuaries
- 2016 QLD consolidates coastal planning (+CC) and provides financial support on risk mapping
- VIC proposes (this week) new marine & coastal legislation to come into effect mid 2018