

# The State of the State Coastal Policy



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using the law to protect the natural and built environment



# What is it, and why have one?

- State policies are intended to represent a statewide position on certain policy matters relating to planning and resource management. State policies must:
  - Further the RMPS objectives
  - Ensure a consistent and coordinated approach
  - Incorporate the “minimum amount of regulation necessary to achieve its objectives”



# History

- ***State Coastal Policy 1996***
- **Legal challenge to zone definition**
- ***State Coastal Policy (Validation of Actions) Act 2002***
- **2008 review - rejected by the Planning Commission**
- **Marine and Coasts branch disbanded**
- **TPC Review**
- **Interdepartmental Committee – Coastal Protection and Planning Framework**



## What we've currently got

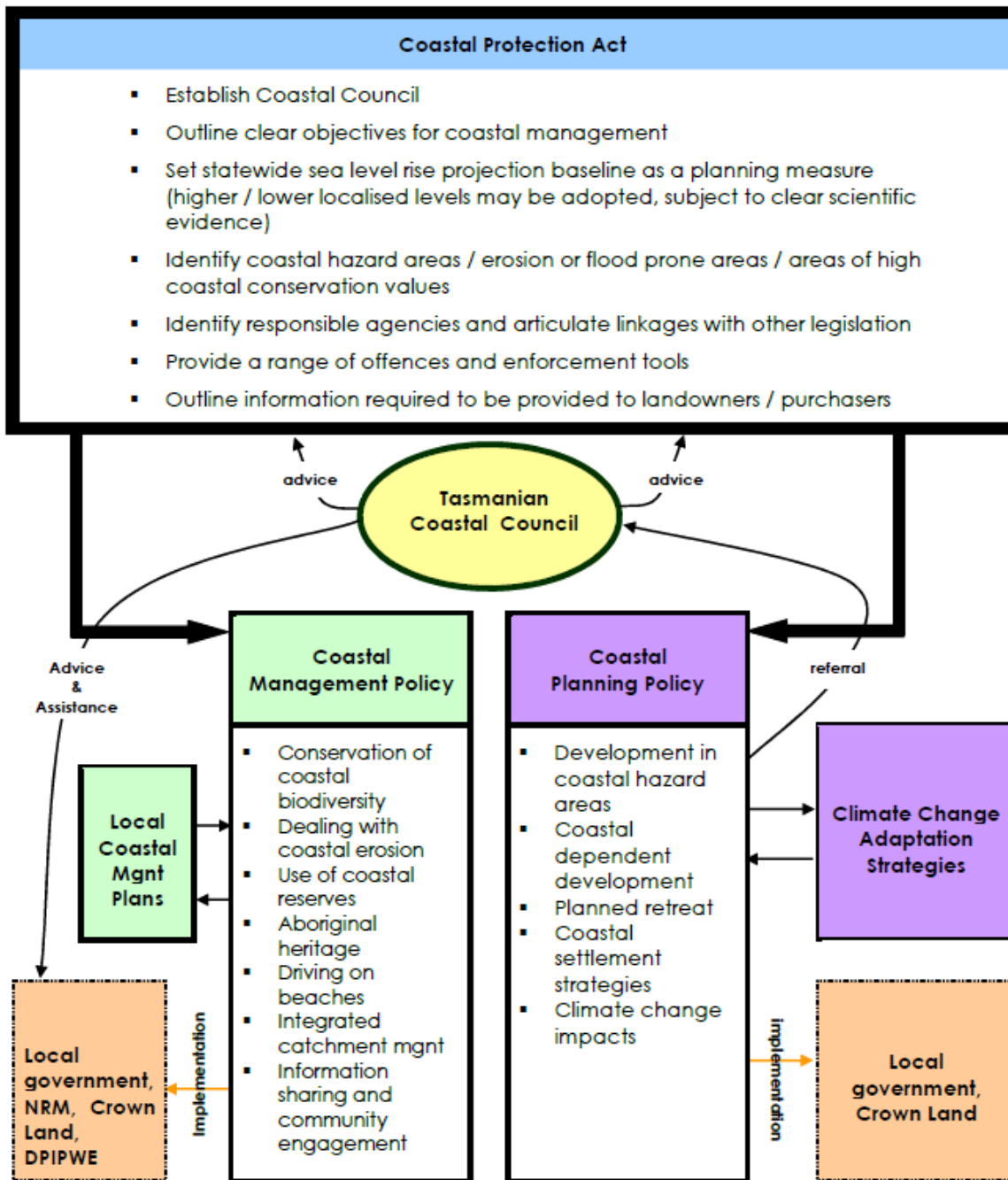
- ***State Coastal Policy 1996***
- **Coastal Works Manual**
- **Crown Land policies**
- **Sea level rise allowances**
- **Coastal Hazards work**
- **Coastal management plans**
- **Planning schemes**



# What we need

- **Protection of natural values and natural processes**
- **Central responsible agency**
  - Develop Statewide policies and consistent approach
  - Advisory body to assist Councils
- **Clear, enforceable guidance**
- **Public participation**
- **Integration**







# Coastal Policy Framework: What's good about it?

- Catchment-focused definition of coastal zone
- Canal estate ban
- Addressing coastal hazards
- Some recognition of natural values underpinning economic sustainability
- Recognises need to retain public access
- Recognises importance of Aboriginal cultural access
- Discourages ribbon development





# Coastal Policy Framework: Key issues to resolve

- **Defining the coastal zone**
- **Precautionary approach**
- **Adapting to sea level rise**
  - Liability and indemnity; planned retreat
- **Clear guidance on development**
  - Hierarchy
  - No-go zones
- **Integration and implementation**
  - Information and resources
  - Monitoring
  - Enforcement





# What's next?

- ***Coastal Protection and Planning Framework***
  - ***State Coastal Policy Statement***
  - **Issues Papers**
  - **Implementation Plan – public comments**
  - **Election 2014**

