The State of the State Coastal Policy
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 Protection Act

- Establish Coastal Council
- Outline clear objectives for coastal management
- Set statewide sea level rise projection baseline as a planning measure (higher / lower localised levels may be adopted, subject to clear scientific evidence)
- Identify coastal hazard areas / erosion or flood prone areas / areas of high coastal conservation values
- Identify responsible agencies and articulate linkages with other legislation
- Provide a range of offences and enforcement tools
- Outline information required to be provided to landowners / purchasers

Tasmanian Coastal Council

Coastal Management Policy
- Conservation of coastal biodiversity
- Dealing with coastal erosion
- Use of coastal reserves
- Aboriginal heritage
- Driving on beaches
- Integrated catchment mgnt
- Information sharing and community engagement

Coastal Planning Policy
- Development in coastal hazard areas
- Coastal dependent development
- Planned retreat
- Coastal settlement strategies
- Climate change impacts

Climate Change Adaptation Strategies

Local Coastal Mgmt Plans

Local government, NRM, Crown Land, DPIPWE

Implementation
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