

ITEM A LORD MAYORAL MINUTE - LAKE ILLAWARRA ENTRANCE OPTIONS STUDY

Lake Illawarra was permanently opened in 2007 by building training walls at the lake entrance. The Lake Illawarra Authority (disbanded in 2014) made the decision to open the lake to address issues including flooding, water quality, odour and algal blooms. The permanent opening has triggered hydrological changes within the entrance channel and lake more broadly. These changes are resulting in increased erosion along the Windang foreshore impacting on Council and community assets.

The Lake Illawarra Entrance Options Study is being undertaken by UNSW Water Research Laboratory with funding from Wollongong City Council, Shellharbour City Council and the NSW Government. The study is looking at options to manage the impacts and changes that have occurred around the lake entrance and lake entrance foreshore since it was permanently opened.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1 Wollongong City Council receive an interim update from staff on the Lake Illawarra Entrance Options Study.
- 2 Information on the status of the Lake Illawarra Entrance Options Study be updated and made publicly available through Council's webpage.
- 3 Council staff continue to monitor erosion and address community concerns about the impact of erosion on Lake Illawarra foreshore and Council assets.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.