

S149 CERTIFICATE ATTACHMENT

Bronte-Coogee Aquatic Reserve



The Bronte-Coogee Aquatic Reserve

The Bronte-Coogee Aquatic Reserve stretches from the southern end of Bronte Beach to the northern end of Coogee Beach and out to 100m offshore. It covers an area of approximately 43ha and includes 4,000m of coastline.

It is one of the two aquatic reserves located within Randwick City, the other being Cape Banks located off Botany Bay National Park.

The Bronte-Coogee Aquatic Reserve is centred on the extensive rocky shores and nearshore reefs of Sydney's Eastern Suburbs. Declared in March 2002, the Reserve has protected a wide diversity of rocky shore habitats. The blue groper (*Achoerodus viridis*) has an iconic status within the eastern suburbs community, which has been afforded extra protection through a fishing closure in part of the Reserve. The Reserve is also home to a variety of invertebrate species, including unusual assemblages living under boulders such as chitons, starfish and flatworms.

Management

The NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) manages aquatic reserves in NSW. Randwick Council currently has an Operational Agreement signed with DPI for the co-operative management and planning of the Bronte-Coogee Aquatic Reserve.

Development within and adjacent to the Aquatic Reserve

Aquatic reserves and land within 100m of the aquatic reserves are identified as "environmentally sensitive area" in the State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008. Development located in an environmentally sensitive area may not be carried out as exempt or complying development (refer to the Codes SEPP 2008 for specific provisions).

When assessing development applications that are within or adjacent to the Bronte-Coogee Aquatic Reserve, Randwick Council needs to consult with DPI for any developments proposed within the boundaries of the Reserve or any proposed developments that in Council's view, may affect the Reserve. This is consistent with the requirements of the Fisheries Management Act 1994 and the Operational Agreement signed between Randwick Council and DPI.

The Bronte-Coogee Aquatic Reserve as well as properties up to 100m from the Reserve (defined between Council and DPI) are identified in the attached map.

Prohibited Activities

In order to protect the local marine rocky shore habitats and the eastern blue groper, the following activities are prohibited in the Reserve:

- the taking of eastern blue groper by all methods of fishing from the northern end of Clovelly to the southern end of Gordons Bay and the adjoining waters to 100 metres offshore
- spear fishing from the northern end of Clovelly to the southern end of Gordons Bay and then subject to normal restrictions in other parts of the Reserve
- the collection of cunjevoi, commonly used as bait, and all invertebrates (dead or alive), including anemones, barnacles, chitons, cockles, crabs, mussels, octopus, pipis, sea urchins, sea stars, snails and worms, and empty shells
- the taking of abalone (in line with a general ban between Port Stephens in the north and Wreck Bay Beach, Jervis Bay in the south).

Line fishing is allowed in the Reserve, together with the collection of blacklip abalone, rock lobster, sea lettuce and bait weed.

Further information

Further details are available from the NSW Department of Primary Industries website www.dpi.nsw.gov.au.

