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## **Lake Macquarie Project Management Committee Has Plenty To Discuss At First Meeting**

The Lake Macquarie Project Management Committee conducted its first meeting last Monday December 20, following recent Ministerial appointment. First order of business for the committee's Chairman, Peter Nelson, was the election of deputy Chairman, with Councillor Greg Piper successful in gaining the position. Mr Nelson said the committee received a range of reports, including works currently being undertaken, together with a number of briefs for consultancy work under preparation. "The committee also considered tenders for the critical education and community reporting functions for the project," said Mr Nelson. "Delegations of authority were also granted to the Lake Macquarie and Catchment Coordinator to enable streamlining of the works programs, benefiting all lake residents and users." Mr Nelson continued, saying a report on emerging issues was also presented to the committee for discussion, including ongoing problems with channel shoaling and access for yachts. The committee were subsequently informed this related to a social and recreational issue for the yachting community and did not impact on the environmental aspects or lake water quality. Prof Bruce Thom also informed the committee the Lake Macquarie Project will be presented as a major innovation from New South Wales for Estuary Management at a National Conference to be held in Victoria next year. The committee will meet again in early February 2000.

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