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Our Resilient Coast. Our Future.

Sunshine Coast Council has commenced the development of a long-term strategic plan called 'Our Resilient Coast. Our Future.' to manage the impacts of coastal hazards.

The strategy will inform the long-term management of our coastline and will be developed in partnership with the Sunshine Coast community to build our resilience to coastal hazards.

Council has been awarded funding from the Queensland Government and the Local Governments Association of Queensland (LGAQ) through the QCoast₂₁₀₀ program, to complete *Our Resilient Coast. Our Future.* over the next two years.

The state-wide process involves eight phases that lead to the strategy development. Information on each of the phases can be found on the QCoast₂₁₀₀ website,

www.qcoast₂₁₀₀.com.au/program-purpose.

Council is undertaking this project to improve our understanding of coastal hazards such as erosion and storm tide inundation, and how they may affect our coastline over time.

The strategy will provide a proactive plan to manage the impact of coastal hazards. Recommendations will also include actions to help council and the community be informed and adapt to a changing climate, ensuring that everyone understands their own responsibility and role in managing the risks that come with living in a dynamic and changing environment, from now to 2100.

What's happened so far?

In 2018, council completed Phases 1 and 2 of the strategy development process which included a Stakeholder Engagement and Communication Plan and a technical scoping study of known coastal hazards to assist with building our base knowledge.

In February 2019, Phases 3-5 of the project commenced. These phases will identify areas that may be exposed to coastal hazards, both now and into the future. Hazards include coastal erosion, storm tide inundation, and changes in tidal areas. We'll also identify likely impacts on the values and assets along our coastline.

In addition to the technical work, council has commenced a number of initiatives that will enable the community to participate in the process. For example, we are in the process of establishing a Community Advisory Group to help guide the strategy and ensure community views and ideas are captured. Over the coming months, we will also be hosting community events and online knowledge sharing opportunities.

More information

For more information visit our website haveyoursay.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/ourresilient-coast

How can I get involved?

If you want to find out more and be kept up-todate with *Our Resilient Coast. Our Future.* and the development of the strategy:

- Subscribe to receive regular progress updates and notifications of public meetings by going to our website haveyoursay.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/ourresilient-coast, entering your email address and clicking on the 'Subscribe' button.
- Ask the team questions about coastal hazards and the process by emailing ourresilientcoast@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au
- Contribute by joining us at the community events to share your experience and views and help shape the strategy. Keep an eye on the project website or subscribe for details on upcoming meetings.

