Working Together

Fact Sheet 03

This fact sheet explains why coastal hazard adaptation involves all relevant stakeholders working together – because everyone is a piece of the puzzle! Whether you're a homeowner preparing your property, a developer building in coastal areas, or part of a community group sharing local knowledge, your involvement is essential. Together, we can protect our environment and future.

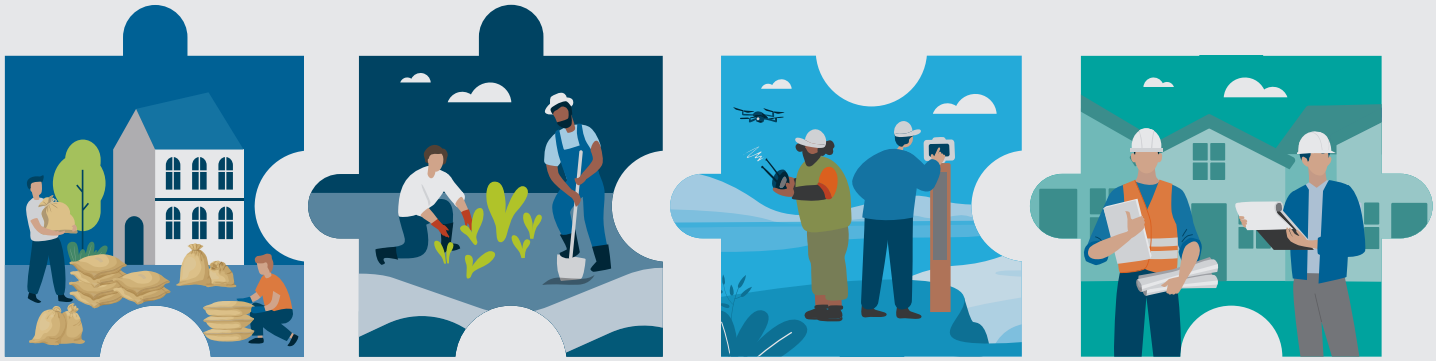
Whilst Council plays a key role in recognising climate risk and planning for and responding to the impacts of coastal hazards, the effective management of these hazards requires a collaborative approach. Working together will become even more important as we respond to the hazards of a changing climate.



– Working together on coastal hazard adaptation

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We can all play a part in the effort to adapt our coastal environment to be more resilient to existing and future hazards. This can involve:



Private Property Owners

- Understanding the risk posed by coastal hazards to our community.
- Improving the resilience of existing homes.
- Preparing for storm events.
- Maintaining property including private drainage.
- Building new homes to have better immunity and structural integrity.
- Actively participating in engagement and awareness initiatives regarding coastal hazards.

Community

- Sharing wisdom of past experience by our local community and cultural groups.
- Protecting traditional values of the land and waters.

Community

- Volunteering with community groups
- Monitoring, observing and reporting issues and events.
- Responding to disaster management advice.

Developers

- Upgrading existing private property to contemporary standards.
- Building new developments to have better immunity and structural integrity.



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Utility Service Providers

- Planning for, delivering and maintaining infrastructure associated with water supply, sewage, power and telecommunication services, in a way that proactively considers coastal hazards.



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- Monitoring coastal hazards
- Coordinating Disaster Management responses and recovery for extreme events.
- Preparing and implementing coastal management plans and programs.
- Providing, delivering and maintaining stormwater infrastructure, local roads and active transport pathways, parks and foreshore open space.
- Providing planning controls and guidance material for new development.



State Government

- Planning and delivery of state-controlled roads.
- Providing grant funding to Council for adaptation and coastal management and resilience initiatives and infrastructure.
- Preparing assessment provisions for coastal protection works.
- Providing state emergency services, police, fire and ambulance services.
- Providing disaster recovery assistance when beyond the capacity of Council.



Commonwealth Government

- Providing grant funding to Council for adaptation, coastal management, and resilience initiatives and infrastructure.
- Providing disaster recovery assistance when beyond the capacity of the State.

Why do we need to do Coastal Hazard Adaptation Precinct Planning?

Planning is essential for our region to safeguard against the increasing threats posed by climate change. Rising sea levels and coastal erosion will impact our homes, infrastructure, and the natural environment. This planning will help us prepare for and mitigate against the impact of these hazards, protecting our communities and ensuring that we remain resilient in the face of future environmental challenges.

Our region's coastline is not only a key part of our lifestyle and economy, but it also supports vital ecosystems. Coastal hazard adaptation planning aims to preserve these natural areas and open spaces, balanced against the structural integrity of our communities. Proactively planning and implementing these projects today will ensure that our region remains a desirable, safe place to live, work and visit for generations to come.

Why is collaboration essential?

This cooperative effort helps safeguard our coastal lifestyle and strengthen our ability to respond to future challenges.

Proactive measures taken today will ensure that we are better equipped to face future challenges, minimise damage and ensure a more resilient Sunshine Coast for everyone.

By staying informed, understanding the risk to your property, and actively participating in planning initiatives, and disaster recovery efforts, we can collectively create a safer, more sustainable environment. This partnership between community and Council is essential for protecting our beautiful coastline and maintaining the high quality of life we enjoy on the Sunshine Coast.

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How to get involved

Keep an eye on the **CHAPP web page** and Council's social media pages for the latest news, invitations, and progress updates.

Register for regular updates. These updates will include invitations to a range of opportunities to have your say and provide feedback to Council.

Further details of what areas may be subject to future coastal hazards can be found on Council's MyMaps flood mapping.

Ask a question about coastal hazards and Council's coastal planning activities by emailing **ourresilientcoast@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au**

Visit **haveyoursay.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au** for more information and engagement.

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