

# Sustainable Growth

## Resilient Coastal Communities

South Gippsland Shire Council's *Coastal Strategy*, the *Kompas Report* and the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action's *Cape to Cape Resilience Project (RaSP)* all identify future challenges for coastal townships in South Gippsland.

Additionally, in 2021 following volatile weather that resulted in storm surge, two of our communities – Tarwin Lower and Venus Bay – were left disconnected when the main road was flooded.

It is clear that strong and decisive action needs to be undertaken to support our coastal communities.

In October 2023, at the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) State Council, South Gippsland Shire Council put forward the following Motion that was unanimously accepted:

*That the MAV call on the Victorian Government to “fund and implement a state-led process to modify the Victorian Planning Scheme to amend, strengthen and protect the Land Subject to Inundation Overlay to manage risks in areas that are vulnerable to climate change inclusive of all affected coastal and riverine areas.”*

Council proposed this motion to provide additional clarity for people currently living, or looking to purchase, within these areas.

As part of the recently adopted *Coastal Strategy*, Council is also proposing to:

*a) remove all coastal township greenfield residential growth areas from the planning scheme framework plan maps, and retain the township boundaries consistent with the current application of each township's urban land zoning.*

*b) Explore the strategic justification for Council to restrict or discourage the development of more than one dwelling per lot and the subdivision of land which increases dwelling development potential.*

In order to achieve these objectives modification to the Victorian Planning provisions will be required.



## Our Request

### **South Gippsland Shire Council is calling on the Victorian Government to:**

- Support the MAV Motion to fund and implement a state-led process to modify the Victorian Planning Scheme to amend, strengthen and protect the Land Subject to Inundation Overlay.
- Implement a state-led process for ensuring flood mapping is up-to-date and incorporated into planning schemes.
- Work with councils to ensure that flood hazard controls within the Victorian Planning Provisions are fit for purpose.
- Fund and facilitate conversations with South Gippsland's coastal communities that:
  - are evidenced-based using the most up-to-date coastal/flooding data
  - encourage community buy-in regarding future challenges and possible solutions.