

Coastal Resilience

South Gippsland Shire Council is calling on the Victorian Government to strengthen coastal protection through a consistent, state-led approach to managing coastal and flood inundation risks.

South Gippsland's coastal communities face increasing risks from sea level rise, coastal inundation, and flooding. Council also acknowledges the broader impacts of climate change—including bushfire and drought—and is responding through dedicated strategies.

South Gippsland Shire Council has successfully secured endorsement of motions at the Municipal Association of Victoria State Council, calling for a consistent, state-led approach to managing coastal and flood risks.

To support long-term resilience, Council is also proposing planning reforms to reduce development pressure in high-risk coastal areas. This includes removing certain greenfield growth areas and introducing limits on multi-dwelling developments and subdivisions that would increase residential density.

Request Victorian Government

Council calls on the Victorian Government to:

- Work with councils to ensure flood hazard controls within the Victorian Planning Provisions are accurate, current, and fit for purpose.
- Coordinate a state-wide process to update coastal hazard mapping, strengthen the Land Subject to Inundation Overlay, and incorporate these updates into Victorian Planning Schemes.
- Support Council's proposed Planning Scheme Amendments to limit multi-dwelling developments and subdivisions in vulnerable coastal areas.
- Provide funding for climate adaptation planning and directly facilitate evidence-based community engagement to support informed local decision-making.

