

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE COUNCIL

Coastal Strategy Discussion Paper Summary

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**South Gippsland**
Shire Council

The Discussion Paper proposes actions for you to consider how Council can best respond to the challenges we face in our coastal areas. The feedback collected during this stage will inform the Draft Coastal Strategy.

Key Challenges

- Changes in the environment and climate – e.g. flood, fire, erosion.
- Increasing residential and commercial development pressures.
- Increasing demand for infrastructure and services.

Potential Actions



Environment and Landscape

- Identify current and anticipated coastal hazards and their effect on our coastal communities.
- Investigate the 'Common Ground' community initiative that proposes nature-based adaptation concepts to assist with managing storm surge, flooding and coastal erosion.
- Work with and advocate to State and Federal Government for nature-based solutions to manage the impacts of coastal hazards.
- Collaborate with the State Government and our community to investigate the suitability of applying protection controls.
- Seek State and/or Federal Government support for the preparation of coastal hazard assessments.
- Develop community awareness and education of vegetation protection that balances bushfire safety.
- Advocate for clearer communication of coastal hazards and climate change risk to our coastal towns in State Government policy.



Population Pressures and Development

- Explore removal of our coastal township growth areas from the planning scheme and retain township boundaries.
- Explore a new Planning Scheme provision that restricts new development to one dwelling per lot and restricts subdivision.
- Explore with our coastal communities their interests and concerns about township character, protection and change.



Development Infrastructure and Management

- Prepare a coastal infrastructure position to guide our decision making that aligns with the State Government's Marine and Coastal Policy.
- Partner with State and Federal Government to investigate options and issues with seawalls and coastal levees.
- Work with our partner agencies to resolve issues of ground water bores impacting on residential development.
- Transfer land management responsibility for coastal Crown land from Council to State Government.



Community and Economy

- Continue to work with Indigenous communities and State Government to protect cultural heritage in coastal areas.
- Support policy that creates greater community connection and supports health and wellbeing in coastal communities.
- Support policies that help grow sustainable and prosperous main street businesses in our coastal townships.



Waratah Bay