

RESILIENT COAST

DOUGLAS SHIRE COUNCIL

Douglas Shire leading coastal adaptation

Douglas Shire Council is now leading coastal hazard adaptation planning in Queensland, as the first council to have commenced Phases 6 – 8 of a Coastal Hazard Adaptation Strategy (CHAS).

As part of the Resilient Coast program, Council and the project team will continue working closely with Douglas communities, stakeholders and State Government to develop a strategy to avoid, manage and mitigate the impacts of coastal hazards across the region.

Work completed to date has focused on assessing the likelihood and consequence of impacts from erosion and storm tide inundation on built and natural assets. Impacts are being considered over three timeframes: present day, intermediate (2060) and long term (2100).

Upcoming opportunities to get involved

Council will continue to provide project updates and opportunities to get involved and have your say throughout Phases 6 – 8.

The second round of community workshops is planned later in the year, where Council and the project team will be seeking your ideas and input on the strategy development. Please register on the website to be notified of the workshop dates.

Have you been impacted by storm tide inundation or erosion?

Council is continuing to collate information on past events and how community members have been impacted by coastal hazards. Send your story and coastal photos to: ourcoast@douglas.qld.gov.au



Identifying adaptation options

Phases 6 – 8 of the CHAS process will involve reviewing the risk (likelihood x consequence) of coastal hazard impacts on assets, and considering the range of adaptation options available to manage the risk. This will be explored with Douglas communities and stakeholders.

Adaptation options will:

- ✓ Consider the consequences of coastal hazard impacts on assets
- ✓ Vary from site to site within each region
- ✓ Be tailored to the needs of the Douglas Shire community
- ✓ Seek to safeguard the values (social, environmental and economic) and the character of the landscape

Adaptation options are then further assessed through socio-economic analysis (multi-criteria assessments and cost-benefit assessments) to identify the options that achieve the best outcome for different sites and provide value for investment.

Would you like more information on adaptation options?

A fact sheet on adaptation options has been developed for the Resilient Coast program, and is available on the website: <https://ourcoast.douglas.qld.gov.au/projects/download/1423/ProjectDocument>

How can I find out more information?

To ensure you are kept up to date with the Resilient Coast program and the development of the Coastal Hazard Adaptation Strategy (CHAS):

- ✓ **Register** to receive regular progress updates and notifications of community workshops by going to <https://ourcoast.douglas.qld.gov.au> and click on the 'Register here to receive project updates' button
- ✓ **Ask** Council or their experts questions about coastal hazards or the CHAS process by emailing ourcoast@douglas.qld.gov.au.

