

RESILIENT COAST

DOUGLAS SHIRE COUNCIL



Towards a Resilient Coast

The final stages of the Douglas Shire Council Resilient Coast program have involved the refinement of adaptation options and actions, and the economic analysis to support decision making.

Economics factsheet: A factsheet on how economic analysis supports decision making for coastal hazard adaptation has been developed for the Resilient Coast program, and is available on the website: <https://ourcoast.douglas.qld.gov.au/building-a-resilient-coast-for-the-douglas-shire>

Developing a Strategic Plan

A draft of the Douglas Shire Resilient Coast Strategic Plan is under development and will be available for public comment in early 2019.

The Strategic Plan is informed by all the work undertaken as part of the Resilient Coast program – including feedback provided by the Stakeholder Advisory Group, community workshops, and briefings with special interest groups. The Strategic Plan will include:

- Prioritised adaptation actions across the Douglas Shire, with specific details for different localities
- Who is responsible for implementing specific measures
- How adaptation will be integrated into other relevant plans and planning processes
- Arrangements for monitoring, evaluation and adaptive management.



Resilient Coast Survey

The second online survey for the Resilient Coast program was live on the website over November and December 2018. With over 50 responses received, the total number of community members who have provided direct input and feedback into the Resilient Coast program to date is in excess of 250 people (via surveys, workshops, email and online).

Council and the project team would like to thank everyone who completed the survey and shared their perspectives, knowledge and past experiences. Highlights from the survey questions include:

- More than 50 % of those surveyed visit their local beach more than 2 – 3 times per week, usually for exercise (jogging and walking).
- Over 80% of respondents said that the natural beauty of their local beach was one of the most important values.
- Awareness of potential adaptation options is relatively high: Over 80% of respondents have a general or good – very good awareness of coastal hazard adaptation options.
- Respondents generally felt that dune protection and land use planning were the most suitable adaptation options for their local beach. Last line of defence structures (e.g. seawalls) and retention structures (e.g. groynes) were generally perceived to be the least suitable options.

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 Resilient Coast Strategic Plan:

- ✓ **Register** to receive regular progress updates and notifications of community meetings 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