

Important information about protecting our Eastern Beaches

Dear Eastern Beaches Neighbours

We all want our beaches to be protected from erosion, so our coastal communities stay liveable.

But did you know **Council's draft plan for coastal hazard management proposes very little to actually protect our beaches** and could still cost ratepayers hundreds of millions of dollars? That's reckless.

There is some good news:

- Council's plan admits the dunes along the coastline in a number of areas are mostly stable.
- Scientific studies show that in several places dunes are "accreting" – that is, they are growing.
- There is less than a 1% probability of significant erosion by 2070 significantly affecting private land.

But now the bad news:

- Council is abandoning its responsibility for actual erosion control on public land.
- The substantial erosion is from creeks that Noosa Council is responsible for, from stormwater and sewage.
- Council secretly wrote to the State Government in July 2020 already proposing adverse planning changes for coastal homeowners. That's seven months before releasing a "draft" for "consultation".
- By jumping to adverse planning changes, Council is exposing current ratepayers to massive compensation payouts, despite less than a 1% probability of an erosion risk in 50-80 years – if ever.
- Council had years to do this, but in the few short weeks residents got, we've already found significant errors with Council's draft plan, like not accounting for dune vegetation that reduces erosion.

That's just the Eastern Beaches impacts. What about when they do the same to homeowners in the low lying areas of Noosa? It could cost hundreds of millions of dollars more in compensation and economic value.

This draft coastal hazard plan simply isn't good enough to propose planning changes which pass the buck to homeowners that then costs the community. We have time to monitor what is happening to those areas. But, Council can start right now with protecting the public beaches and creek lines it is responsible for.

You can contact our Association at info@easternbeachesprotectionassociation.com or at www.ebpa.com.au

Yours Sincerely

Eastern Beaches Protection Association

A concerned group of longstanding local leaders and residents who have decided it's so bad we formed the Eastern Beaches Protection Association, dedicated to protecting our beach community lifestyle.

P.S Let's all help by telling our Councillors to get on with actual erosion control on public land now and stop buck passing.