

Important information about how Council's plan for future rising sea levels will cost you right now!

Dear Noosa Neighbour

Did you know Council's draft coastal hazard plan proposes little in actual protection for our coastline and waterways but could still penalise you and cost current ratepayers hundreds of millions of dollars?

This plan is not just about the Eastern Beaches and erosion, because **the plan also says low lying properties in your area are subject to even more risk in the future from rising sea levels.**

So why is this a problem right now? Good question!

On the Eastern Beaches we discovered that Council proposes little, if any, actual beach protection. In our case Council says there is less than a 1% probability of significant impact from erosion on our homes. Yet they are jumping to draconian planning restrictions on private home improvements.

If they are coming after our homes, they will be coming for yours too – because their plan says there is an intolerable risk of future impacts from rising sea levels.

The bad news is:

- Council is abandoning its responsibility for actual protection measures on public land.
- 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 planning changes, Council is subjecting current ratepayers to massive compensation payouts in the short term, despite a relatively low risk in 50-80 years – if ever.

Importantly, our group believes in climate change and a sensible process to monitor the impacts. However, despite Council having years to do this, in the few short weeks residents have had to look at the plan, we have already identified significant errors in the Council's draft plan that show it's far too early to use this work as an excuse to put planning restrictions on private homeowners.

We want to see more focus on actually protecting our beaches and low lying areas, monitoring of potentially impacted land and less emphasis on pre-emptive plans that hurt homeowners.

While our Association is based in the Eastern Beaches a number of people in your area have reached out expressing common concerns about this process. **That's why we all need to work together.**

Together, we can ensure Council does more work on public land to protect our region and does less buck passing to home owners which could cost our community hundreds of millions of dollars.

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.