

Coastal Vulnerability Area Policy

1 Purpose

This policy has been developed to:

- Minimise social, environmental and economic risks, due to coastal erosion and recession;
- Manage development in the Coastal Vulnerability Area and protect the environmental assets of the coast, and
- Establish a framework for land use planning to guide decision-making in the Coastal Vulnerability Area, and
- Provide clarity for development on land subject to coastal erosion and recession.

2 Policy

- a) This policy applies to development and activities undertaken on land seaward of the 'unlikely' 2100 Coastal Hazard Line defined by the *Coffs Harbour Coastal Processes and Hazards Definition Study* (2011).
- b) The adopted sea level rise benchmark for the Coffs Harbour local government area is a 91cm increase by 2100 (above 1990 mean sea levels) – Resolution EN53, Council Meeting 4/12/2008.
- c) Council shall manage areas identified in the adopted *Coffs Harbour Coastal Zone Management Plan* in accordance with the management processes identified in that document.
- d) Council shall consider Coastal Hazards generally in accordance with Coffs Harbour Development Control Plan 2015 and the *Coffs Harbour Coastal Zone Management Plan* in the preparation of the following:
 - Local Strategic Planning Statement;
 - Local Growth Management Strategy;
 - Local Environmental Plan Amendments;
 - Place Manuals and/or Masterplans;
 - Plans of Management;
 - Review of Environmental Factors (prepared under Part 5 of the *Environment Planning & Assessment Act 1979*) for works not requiring development consent;
 - Development Servicing Plans;
 - Development applications relating to public land;
 - Concept and detailed design for new infrastructure (e.g. designing new road networks); and
 - Any other development without consent.
- e) A Coastal Risk Management Report is required for development and Local Environmental Plan Amendments that relate to land that is seaward of the 'unlikely' 2100 Coastal Hazard Line.
- f) A notation is to be placed on all properties within the local government area that are identified within the Coastal Vulnerability Area.



3 Definitions

Coastal Hazard has the same meaning as in the *Coastal Management Act 2016*.

Coastal Vulnerability Area: means land which has been identified as having a level of risk of being subject to coastal erosion as identified by the 2100 ‘unlikely’ coastal erosion hazard line contained within the *Coffs Harbour Coastal Processes and Hazard Definition Study 2011*.

4 Key Responsibilities

Position	Directorate	Responsibility
Mayor	Council	To lead councillors in their understanding of, and compliance with, this policy and guidelines.
General Manager	Executive	To lead staff, (either directly or through delegated authority) in their understanding of, and compliance with, this policy and any related procedures. To approve resources to develop, implement and review this policy.
Directors	All Directorates	To communicate, implement and comply with this policy and any related procedures.
Council Leaders	All Directorates	To communicate, implement and comply with this policy and any related procedures To lead staff in their understanding of, and compliance with, this policy.
All Council officials	Council	To comply with this policy and any related procedures.

5 References

- *Coastal Management Act 2016*
- *Coffs Harbour Coastal Processes and Hazard Definition Study 2010;*
- *Coffs Harbour Coastal Zone Management Plan 2013;*
- *Coffs Harbour Development Control Plan 2015;*
- *Coffs Harbour Local Environmental Plan 2013;*
- *Conveyancing Act 1919;*
- *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and Regulation 2000;*
- *Local Government Act 1993;*
- *NSW Coastal Management Manual 2018;*
- *NSW Coastal Risk Management Guide 2010;*
- *State Environmental Planning Policy (Resilience and Hazards) 2021;*

6 Details of Approval and revision

- **Approval date:** 25/08/2022
- **Responsible Group:** Sustainable Places Group
- **Responsible Section:** Local Planning
- **Superseded policies/procedures:** Coastal Hazard Zone Policy
- **Next review date:** 28/08/2025

Table of amendments

Amendment	Authoriser	Approval ref	Date
To reflect the provisions of Council’s amendments to the <i>SEPP (Coastal Management) 2018 Coastal Vulnerability Area mapping and Council’s DCP 2015</i> .	Council	2022/201	25/08/2022