

Media Release

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Draft Shoreline Erosion Management Plan released for feedback

Gladstone Regional Council has released the draft Boyne Island and Tannum Sands (BITS) Shoreline Erosion Management Plan (SEMP) for community feedback.

The management plan covers a 22km stretch between Lilley's Beach to the north and Bangalee to the south and is one of the priority short-term actions from the *Our Coast. Our Future Coastal Hazard Adaptation Strategy*, formed as part of the QCoast2100 program, a Queensland Government and Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) initiative.

Gladstone Region Mayor Matt Burnett said the draft SEMP has been developed to proactively manage our coastline and to protect and maintain what our community love most about the BITS foreshore.

"We know that our coasts and beaches are dynamic systems subject to the constant influence of wind, waves and tides," Councillor Burnett said.

"Erosion is a natural process that shapes the coastline over time but we need to do what we can to understand these hazards so we can better live with or mitigate them.

"Consulting with our coastal community earlier this year was instrumental in developing the draft management plan as we've been able to incorporate their valuable input."

Visit conversations.gladstone.qld.gov.au and click on the *Boyne Island & Tannum Sands Shoreline Erosion Management Plan* heading to view the draft plan and have your say on whether it outlines the necessary actions to build a more resilient coastline.

Feedback is open until Sunday, 31 July 2022.

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