

# Exhibition copy

## Planning Proposal - Coastal Risk Planning Clause

At its meeting on 14 November 2023, Council resolved to prepare a planning proposal for a coastal risk planning clause.

The planning proposal seeks to introduce provisions to the Port Stephens Local Environmental Plan 2013 (LEP) for coastal risk planning. The following amendments to the LEP are proposed:

- Introduction of a coastal risk planning clause.
- Introduction of coastal risk and dune transgression maps.

The preparation of the planning proposal is a key implementation action from the Port Stephens Coastal Management Program (CMP). The CMP is prepared under the NSW coastal management framework. The purpose of the CMP is to provide a framework for the long-term strategic and integrated management of priority threats to the Port Stephens coastal zone in line with community needs, State objectives and relevant legislation.

The intended outcomes of the planning proposal are:

- To avoid significant adverse impacts from coastal hazards.
- To ensure uses of land identified as coastal risk are compatible with the risks presented by coastal hazards.
- To enable the evacuation of land identified as coastal risk in an emergency.
- To avoid development that increases the severity of coastal hazards.

The planning proposal applies to all land identified on the coastal risk planning and dune transgression maps.

In accordance with the Gateway determination issued by the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure, Council is not authorised to be the local plan-making authority.

The planning proposal will be on exhibition **Wednesday 28 February 2024 to Thursday 11 April 2024** and will be exhibited at the following locations during normal business hours:

- **Council's Administration Building**, 116 Adelaide Street, Raymond Terrace
- **Raymond Terrace Library**, 18A Sturgeon Street Raymond Terrace
- **Tomaree Library**, 7 Community Close, Salamander Bay
- **Council's website under "Public Exhibitions"**: [www.portstephens.nsw.gov.au](http://www.portstephens.nsw.gov.au)

**Documents:**

- Planning Proposal
- Gateway determination
- Council Report 14 November 2023.

Available for viewing on Council's website:

- The Planning Proposal Coastal Risk Planning Map and Dune Transgression Map are available in the online mapping portal.
- The draft Port Stephens Coastal Management Program is on the Coastal Management Program page.

**Submissions:**

Submissions are invited and can be lodged in writing to the General Manager at Port Stephens Council until **5pm Thursday 11 April 2024**.

- Mail: PO Box 42, Raymond Terrace NSW 2324
- Email: [\*\*council@portstephens.nsw.gov.au\*\*](mailto:council@portstephens.nsw.gov.au)

Please quote file number **PSC2023-02759** with your submission. Submissions may be made in any format, which is able to be sent via email and is less than 10MB in size. This may include a video file or audio voice recording in addition to more traditional written format.

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