

Coastal Hazard Adaptation Strategy

PROJECT UPDATE #2

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How can we help protect our homes, infrastructure, and special cultural places on the Northern Peninsula coast from big tides, waves and cyclones?

NPARC is doing a study to understand what impact coastal erosion and flooding by seawater and high tides will have on our communities. They will use this information to develop a long-term plan to help reduce the risk to our community's infrastructure such as buildings and roads, as well as culturally important places such as burial grounds.



The project team helping Council with the study recently visited the region. They met with many of the Councillors and Council staff to talk about the history and changes that have been seen along the coast. They also discussed local concerns, issues and sites are currently being impacted by erosion and flooding by seawater. The team also conducted preliminary erosion assessments along the beaches in the coastal communities.

The project team from Alluvium Consulting and JB Pacific met with NPARC Interim CEO, Ms Renee Williams (photo above) and spend time looking at Councils assets with Keith Yorkston, Executive Manager of Operations at NPARC (photo left).

Injinoo

Injinoo has experienced some coastal erosion over many years. The project team met with Cr Gina Nona to discuss local concerns (a). The beach is getting close to the old cemetery (b), the primary school and some local huts located on the beach. Some good efforts have already been made to slow down the erosion and protect the cemetery (c), but more may be required in the future.

a)



b)



c)



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Umagico



a)



b)



c)

Alau Beach Campground (a) and picnic areas by the beach in Umagico (b) are beautiful places to visit with your family but may be impacted by erosion in time. Some roads have been eroded, but plants have returned and help to stabilise the soil (c).

Seisia and Loyalty Beach



a)



b)



c)

The project team met with Cr Francis Elu and Ms Marika Seden from the Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships on the beach at Seisia (a). They heard about the local boat ramp needing to be regularly cleaned to remove sand (b). Other places important to the local economy such as the Seisia Holiday Park (c) and Loyalty Beach Campground and Fishing Lodge (d) may also be impacted by erosion and flooding by seawater in the future.



d)

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