

Coastal Adaptation Study Consultation



Hindmarsh Island Webinar Summary 3 November 2020

The Alexandrina coastline is of significant cultural, social, environmental and economic value to the local community, Ngarrindjeri nation and visitors to the region.

The Coastal Adaptation Study aims to understand how people, the natural environment and built assets might be impacted by rising sea levels so that Council and other stakeholders, such as State Government and private landowners, can plan for the future.

The Coastal Adaptation Study is currently out for community consultation. As part of this consultation, Council is holding a number of face to face workshops and online webinars.

This report provides a summary of the feedback received at the Zoom webinar held at 6.30pm to 8pm on 3 November 2020. This webinar was by open invitation and was attended by 5 members of the community as well as the Mayor, an Elected Member and staff from Alexandrina Council and a representative from the Coast Protection Branch.

Format of the webinar

Mark Western from Integrated Coasts provided a comprehensive presentation of the Coastal Adaptation Study with a focus on its findings for Hindmarsh Island. The webinar was independently facilitated by Nicole Halsey from URPS.

Throughout the webinar, participants were able to ask questions/make comment using the Q&A function of Zoom. In addition, at key points in the webinar, Nicole paused to encourage people to ask questions/make comments as well as reflect on what had been coming through from participants during the presentation.

There were very few comments made or questions asked during the webinar apart from the following:

- Comment received from Councillor Rebbeck about her commitment to mitigation and adaptation action and that this Study raises some “alarming issues” and that she would be happy to talk directly to community members about the study.

