

# Coastal Adaptation Study Consultation



## Port Elliot / Boomer Beach

### Community Webinar Summary 17 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.**

From 12 October to 27 November 2020 Council engaged with members of the community about the findings of the study and to hear how the impacts of climate change might affect our coast into the future, and to learn about the possible adaptation options for Alexandrina's coastline. As part of this consultation, Council held 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 17 November 2020. This webinar was by open invitation and was attended by 22 people comprising members of the community as well as the Mayor, Elected Members 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 Boomer Beach and Port Elliot. 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.

The following comments and questions were recorded during the webinar:

- Has projected climate change been factored into the study?
- How will sea level rise affect the quality of surf for surfers?
- Where does sand come from for sandscraping?
- Clarification regarding the terms AHD and CD
- There is population increase at Middleton which also impacts the coast eg stormwater runoff
- There is a lot of Deferred Urban lands above Bashams where the development application that is hold had a stormwater drain flowing into Bashams
- Should the breakwater be repaired?

