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## Coastal Adaption Study – Community Consultation

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Alexandrina Council has a unique coastline with sandy beaches, small coves, rocky outcrops and estuarine environments, however research indicates that climate change is causing sea levels to rise.

In valuing and recognising the role of the community in shaping our future, from 12 October to 27 November, Council is seeking feedback on how we can work with community over the coming years to adapt to the impacts of sea level rise and coastal erosion.

The consultation includes the release of a detailed Coastal Adaptation Study, which 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.

Throughout the consultation, Council will be engaging with members of the community about the findings of the study and to hear how the impacts of climate change might affect our coastline into the future; and to learn about the possible adaptation options for Alexandrina's coastline. Participants will also have the opportunities to ask questions and share feedback.

Council welcomes community members to attend one of the three online Community Webinars:

**Murray Estuary (Hindmarsh Island): 3 Nov 2020, 6.30—8.30pm**

**Goolwa/Middleton: 12 Nov 2020, 6.30—8.30pm**

**Port Elliot/Boomer Beach: 17 Nov 2020, 6.30—8.30pm**

Or, for those unable to attend one of these community webinars, you can still access the draft reports, factsheets, FAQs and a feedback form online, with hardcopies also available for viewing at the Goolwa and Strathalbyn Council libraries.

All online collateral, feedback forms and links to booking a place at the community webinars will be available at <https://mysay.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/CA> from 9am on Monday 12 October 2020 and available until 5pm 27 November 2020.

The public consultation phase of the Coastal Adaptation Study has been jointly funded by the South Australian Government's Coast Protection Board and Alexandrina Council.