



Appendix 9

ADJUNCT TO 7.1 – PUBLIC QUESTIONS STATUS UPDATE

*Response to public question taken on notice at the
ordinary meeting of Council on 23 March 2022*

Ordinary Meeting of Council

Wednesday 27 April 2022 at 7:00pm

Queenscliff Town Hall



20 April 2022

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Via email: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

PUBLIC QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

I am writing in response to the public question that was taken on notice at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Wednesday 23 March 2022. The public question reads as follows:

In 2016, the Borough collaborated with DELWP, the City of Greater Geelong, and three local coastal management organisations to establish 'Our Coast', a project that uses the latest data on projected sea level rise and storm surge to model potential inundation levels. In the wake of the recent floods in NSW and Queenscliff (*sic*), can Council detail the mitigation measures it has taken to date to protect low lying areas from inundation – particular Fisherman's Flat and areas around Murrays Road which have been identified as being at high risk of flooding?

Further to the above, I provide the following advice.

The 'Our Coast' project was an important first step in developing an understanding of the coastal hazard likely to be caused by inundation from projected sea level scenarios over the next 100 years.

The conclusion of the Our Coast work was that Council needed to investigate the most at risk areas in terms of assets, both built and natural and determine and prioritise mitigation actions.

Having said that, where pertinent, Council has used the Our Coast work to inform design solutions for relevant infrastructure renewal projects. In Fishermans Flat for instance these projects have been:

- Drainage renewal in Bay Street Queenscliff where a gravity drainage outfall has been replaced by a pressurised rising main to eliminate the potential for storm surge backflow through the storm water outfall.
- Consideration of the design heights for the upgraded boat ramp and abutments.



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With respect to future investigations, funding has now been provided to establish a Coastal Regional Adaptation and Strategic Partnership (RASP).

The RASP has been set up as a mechanism specifically designed to deal with cross-jurisdictional issues, to bring parties together to resolve coastal issues at state, regional or local levels.

The aim is to work collaboratively with other stakeholder authorities to address the impacts of extreme weather events and issues associated with a changing climate and develop collaborative strategic resilience planning and adaptation responses.

The RASP will be funded by the State Government and the City of Greater Geelong will again lead the project.

Yours sincerely

Martin Gill
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER