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## Hinchinbrook Shire Releases Draft Shoreline Erosion Management Plan

After 12 months of investigations, community consultation, cost benefit analysis and expert advice, Council is pleased to release the final draft of its Shoreline Erosion Management Plan (SEMP) for Hinchinbrook's coastal localities.

The SEMP provides a road map of potential actions for Council to consider as the challenges of increased erosion, due to changes in environmental conditions, sand supply, rising sea levels and likely increase in severe weather events impact, the future and longevity of our coastal communities.

It is important to note, that although these options and activities have been investigated and assessed using the best available information, Council will take into consideration the relative threat to public infrastructure, available funding and the likelihood of success and support for such actions on a case by case basis.

Council is seeking submissions from the public before considering the SEMP for endorsement. Once adopted by Council, the document will be submitted to the Queensland Government for approval, where the actions in the SEMP will be assessed, making future application for any necessary works easier to obtain.

A copy of the draft SEMP is available on Council's website, <u>Hinchinbrook Shoreline Erosion Management Plan Community Consultation</u> page.

Submissions are to be made in writing to council@hinchinbrook.gld.gov.au by 11.59pm Sunday 14 May 2023.

Should you require any further information regarding this project, please visit Council's website, or contact the project team by phone on 4776 4740.

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