Comment on Cockburn

Coastal Hazard Risk Management and Adaptation Plan (CHRMAP) Review

Phase 2 Community Insights Snapshot

Building on what you told us

In Phase 1, (2024) you told us what you value about Cockburn's coastline and what you want protected for the future.

In Phase 2, (March and April 2026) we built on those priorities. We asked you about the places you continue to value and your views on different ways the City could respond to future coastal change and erosion.

You shared your feedback online, at a community pop-up at Coogee Beach and through the City's Youth Advisory Collective.

Overall, you told us to think long term, protect the natural environment and keep the coast accessible for recreation.

How you got involved

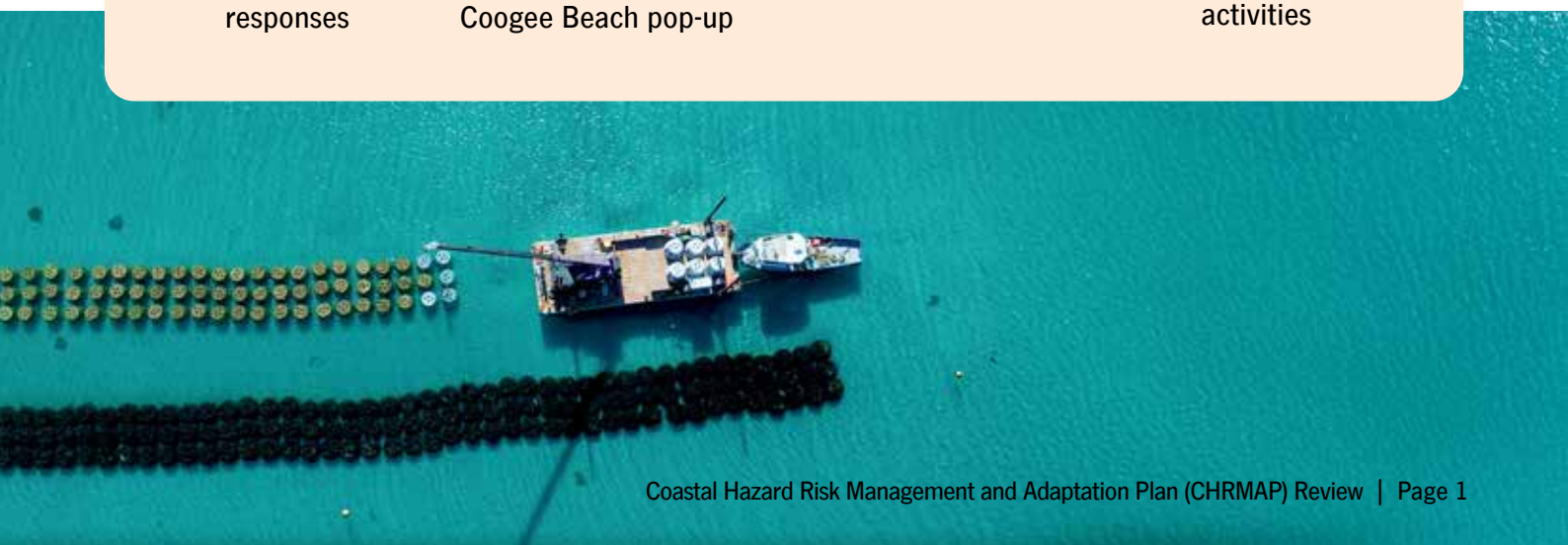
Community participation

136 online responses

200+ people engaged at the Coogee Beach pop-up

Youth Advisory Collective workshop

Online mapping and coastal management activities



What you value remained clear

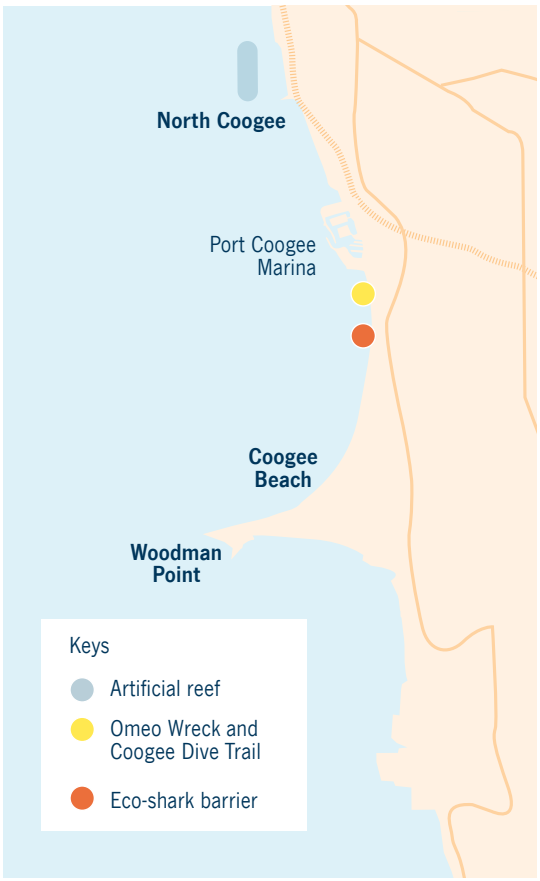
Phase 2 reinforced what we heard in Phase 1. People continue to value Cockburn's coast for:

- Swimming and recreation
- The natural environment
- Public access
- Future generations

Coogee Beach, North Coogee and Woodman Point continued to be among the places frequently visited and valued by participants.

What you told us about managing coastal change

We asked for your views on a range of potential coastal management approaches. Not every approach is suitable for every location, but your feedback helped us understand community preferences and what matters to people when considering future options.



Some approaches generally attracted stronger support, particularly:

Artificial reefs

Artificial reefs received the strongest support among the approaches tested.

Dune construction and reconstruction

Dune construction and reconstruction was also well supported, with some participants seeing this approach as working with natural processes.

Other approaches attracted more mixed views

Sand nourishment, rainbowing, groynes, geotextile seawalls and offshore breakwaters received varying levels of support, concern or uncertainty.

People particularly raised questions about:

- long-term effectiveness
- impacts on sand movement and nearby beaches
- impacts on marine and coastal environments
- visual impacts
- whether an approach suits a particular location.

You told us to think long term

Your feedback showed that choosing a coastal management response isn't just about which option people like most.

You want decisions to consider whether an approach will work over the long term, how it will affect the environment and coastal processes, and whether it is right for that particular location.

What you want us to consider

Protect the environment

Consider impacts on beaches, dunes, marine habitats and natural coastal processes.

Keep people connected to the coast

Protect opportunities for swimming, recreation and public access.

Use evidence to guide decisions

Consider how effectively different approaches work, their impacts and where they are technically suitable.

Plan for the future

Plan for future coastal change rather than relying only on short-term responses.

How your feedback will be used

What we heard through this engagement is one part of the CHRMAP review.

Your feedback will be considered alongside:

- Coastal hazard and erosion assessments
- Environmental considerations
- Technical evidence and feasibility
- The conditions and risks at individual locations
- The costs and benefits of different approaches

Together, this information will help identify appropriate ways to manage coastal risk at different locations.

The approaches that received the strongest community support will not necessarily be suitable at every location.



What happens next

The City will use the findings from both phases of community engagement, together with technical and environmental investigations, to develop the draft CHRMAP.

You'll have another opportunity to review the draft and provide feedback before the plan is finalised.