

# **Eastern Seaboard Coastal Management Plan**

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<b>TO</b>	Tairua-Pauanui Community Board
<b>FROM</b>	Lorna Price - Community Coordinator Tairua-Pauanui
<b>DATE</b>	28 July 2015
<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>Eastern Seaboard Coastal Management Plan</b>

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## **1 Purpose of Report**

The purpose of this report is for the Community Board to endorse the Eastern Seaboard Coastal Management Plan. The purpose of the strategy is to guide management of the ocean and estuary shorelines to give effect to community aspirations and policy.

## **2 Background**

This strategy has been developed from consultation with Council staff and representatives of local community organisations in a series of workshop meetings. Four community groups were established to represent each of the communities.

An initial workshop was held with each group to collect information about key issues and sites. Field visits were then undertaken at each location to look at the issues that had been raised, and to consider options for management. A second round of workshops with the community focus groups presented ideas for management of the key issues and sought feedback. The draft Management Plan was prepared and circulated to working group members for final comment and changes. The final draft Plan reflects the feedback received from the working group meetings and individual working group members.

## **3 Issue**

The strategy addresses key issues of concern raised by the community - including coastal erosion, dune management and protection of the beaches and their associated values (recreational, public access, landscape and cultural).

## **4 Discussion**

Coastal management is guided by the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement 2010 (NZCPS), which outlines key policies and objectives, and by detailed policies in the TCDC District Plan and in Waikato Regional Council plans (particularly the Regional Policy Statement and the Regional Coastal Plan). Shoreline management under this Coastal Strategy must be consistent with and give effect to these policies.

The details of these policies can be found in the relevant plans but they give considerable emphasis to the protection of coastal values; including natural character, natural coastal processes and features, recreational amenity, landscape values, public access to and along the coast, cultural values and surf breaks. The NZCPS also provides guidance for the management of coastal hazards, supported by more detailed policies in regional and district plans.

## **5 Suggested Resolution(s)**

That the Tairua-Pauanui Community Board:

1. Receives the Eastern Seaboard Coastal Management Plan report.
2. Endorses the Eastern Seaboard Coastal Management Plan and the recommendations for management approaches to coastal erosion, dune management, protection of the beaches and their associated values, and managing coastal hazards on the estuary shorelines within the eastern seaboard area.

## **References-Tabled/Agenda Attachments**

**Attachment A** *Final Draft Eastern Seaboard Coastal Management Plan July 2015*

