

# Reducing our Coastal Footprint: Main Beach North Oceanway

An important element in many coastal lifestyles includes regular visits to foreshores. Access to beaches and waterways has become increasingly difficult as the urban footprint increases in many coastal regions. Less people are able to enjoy access to foreshores as property prices increase and become less affordable for larger sections of the community, coastal roads and car parks become progressively more congested and the level of use of existing coastal transport infrastructure rapidly increases. If coastal areas are to remain accessible to the broader community it is important that the each visitor reduces their footprint through more sustainable use of foreshore areas.

Gold Coast City Council has adopted an Oceanway program, which aims to increase the capacity and quality of the ocean beach corridors. Oceanway pavements are public shared use paths for pedestrians and cyclists that encourage people to use foreshores in a 'green mode'.

This presentation will discuss challenges for Oceanway investment including;

- Crime prevention through environmental design (CPTED).
- Equitable access.
- Traffic streams - shared use conflict.
- Open space planning and connectivity.
- Promotion of native coastal character through vegetation and form.