

The Queensland coastal planning framework and its implementation in the South East Queensland and Wide Bay Coast regions

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The *Coastal Protection and Management Act 1995* provides the framework for coastal planning and management in Queensland. The *State Coastal Plan 2001* was developed under that Act and defined eleven coastal regions for Queensland and provided ten policy topics for 48 policies to be implemented in conjunction with Regional Coastal Management Plans (RCMPs) as they are developed. Four RCMPs have commenced for Curtis Coast 2003, Wet Tropical Coast 2003, Cardwell-Hinchinbrook 2003 and South East Queensland (SEQ) 2006. Three RCMPs are currently in preparation for the Wide Bay Coast, Mackay-Whitsunday and Dry Tropical Coast regions.

In this paper we discuss outcomes of the State and Regional Coastal Plans with examples from the SEQ and Wide Bay Coast regions. The paper will also cover the development of the draft Wide Bay Coastal Plan spanning Miriam Vale Shire in the north and including Noosa Shire in the south, an area that is undergoing considerable change and experiencing significant development pressure.

It will include:

- The role and purpose of State and Regional Coastal Management Plans as State Planning Policies for the *Integrated Planning Act 1997*;
- The relationship of Coastal Management Plans with the *SEQ Regional Plan 2005-2026*;
- The development of implementation guidelines for Coastal Management Plans;
- The preparation of the draft Wide Bay Coast RCMP, including an overview of pressures on the coastal zone, the regionally specific policies that have been identified and the consultative framework being employed in developing the plan;
- The importance of good mapping to support the Coastal Plans and their policies; and
- Experiences to date.