## Chapter G6: Coastal Management Areas

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1 Purpose

The purpose of this Chapter is to provide guidelines for areas of coastal management throughout Shoalhaven. This Chapter specifically addresses:

- Development in areas of coastal hazard risk;
- Development in foreshore areas; and
- Building on sand dunes.

Advisory note:
In addition to the provisions outlined in this chapter, you must refer to the:
- Supporting documentation on [Council's website](#); and
- Shoalhaven Coastal Hazard Interactive Mapping.

2 Application

This Chapter applies to areas of Shoalhaven coastline as defined in different Sections of this Chapter.

3 Context

Shoalhaven’s coastal zone extends 165 km along the NSW south coast, from Shoalhaven Heads to North Durras. It includes over 100 beaches, bays and headlands, creeks, lakes and estuaries.

Shoalhaven coastal towns are situated to capture coastal views and access to the coast, being located at the mouths of coastal lakes, on coastal dunes, and adjacent headlands. This pattern of settlement means that there are a number of public and private properties and assets at risk from coastal hazards such as beach erosion, shoreline recession, coastal entrance instability, sand drift, coastal inundation, storm water erosion, and slope instability; all of which may be exacerbated by climate change.

The Shoalhaven coastline has evolved over the past 120,000 years with beaches and lakes formed by landward sand movement (marine transgression) driven by sea level rise. Coastal dynamics are complicated and unpredictable and will include periods of accretion where dunes grow and where beaches widen then periods of catastrophic storm erosion leading to the whole beach receding landward.

Sand dune systems are nature’s buffer strip between the sea and land and they are vital as a defence mechanism against the erosional actions of the sea and the inland drifting of sand caused by wind erosion. Wind can blow away sand from de-vegetated beach-dune systems, cause recession of the shoreline and deplete sand reserves. This and the removal of vegetation may lead to undermining of buildings during extreme storm events.

Human interference with sand dunes by the removal of vegetation and the construction of roads and houses can have a substantial effect on dunal stability. The removal of vegetation coupled with exposure to the wind can lead to the erosion of the sand dune and can undermine the foundations under buildings. Once this action commences, immediate
engineering works are required to stabilise the situation to prevent possible collapse of a building. Vegetation plays a vital role in keeping sand dunes stable by holding the sand together and shielding it from the wind.

Enabling a balance between the use and protection of foreshore areas, both for the present day and future generations, is important to enabling a sustainable future for Shoalhaven’s coastline.

The Shoalhaven Coastal Zone Management Plan (CZMP) 2018 outlines an adaptive management framework that seeks to:

- Manage uncertainty, incomplete data and changing coastal systems.
- Improve and refine management responses over time.
- Reduce known coastal risk.

The CZMP 2018 and further information about coastal management can be found on Council’s website.

Council will continue to monitor the condition of the coast and shoreline responses to major storm or extreme water level events. This will ensure that Council and local communities have the best available knowledge to evaluate, review and adapt management actions.

4  Key objectives

The objectives are to:

i. Ensure that future development in areas of coastal management considers the risks associated with coastal processes and is sympathetic to the physical constraints.

ii. Consider local coastal processes and hazards to avoid significant adverse impacts from these processes.

iii. Consider ecological processes and avoid significant adverse effects on the environment.

iv. Ensure that future development in the coastal zone considers the risks associated with local coastal hazards such as coastal erosion, shoreline recession, coastal inundation, coastal entrance migration, slope instability and stormwater erosion and their potential increase with projected Sea Level Rise.

v. Provide correct management techniques for coastal management.

vi. Preserve the appearance and amenity of the foreshore through consideration of the siting and design of development.
5 Controls

5.1 Areas of coastal hazard risk

This section applies to land affected by coastal hazard risk. The main areas of risk are identified in coastal hazard studies and are shown on the Shoalhaven Coastal Hazard Interactive Mapping.

- Known areas of beach erosion and/or oceanic inundation include:
  - Collers Beach
  - Shoalhaven Heads
  - Culburra Beach
  - Warrain Beach
  - Curramong Beach
  - Callala Beach
  - Collingwood Beach
  - Bendalong Boat Harbour Beach
  - Narrawallee Beach
  - Mollymook Beach

- Known areas of cliff/slope instability include:
  - Penguin Head
  - Plantation Point
  - Hyams Beach
  - Berrara Bluff
  - Inyadda Point
  - Narrawallee
  - Bannisters Point
  - Collers Beach Headland
  - Rennies Beach
  - Racecourse Beach

- Other areas of potential coastal hazard risk include:
  - Properties identified but studies not yet undertaken; and
  - Other areas subjected to coastal hazard risk not previously identified as high risk in previous coastal hazard studies.
The specific objectives are to:

i. Accommodate existing coastal processes and to avoid significant adverse impacts from those coastal processes.

ii. Enable safe evacuation of coastal risk areas in an emergency.

iii. Avoid significant adverse effects on the environment.

iv. Ensure that future development in the coastal zone considers the risks associated with coastal processes such as coastal inundation, slope instability, coastal erosion and wave runup and that the resilience to such events is maximised.

v. Guide foreshore development in areas of risk from coastal hazards identified in this Chapter.

vi. Ensure minimal risk to buildings, private property, other public assets and existing natural features arising from coastal risks identified in this Chapter.

vii. Ensure that the predicted impacts of climate change are recognised, reasonable risk management is observed and measures put in place in order to protect lives and assets.

5.1.1 Areas of beach erosion and/or oceanic inundation

The areas identified as being affected by beach erosion and/or oceanic inundation can be broken into four different levels of risk:

- Precinct 1 High Risk - Foreshore building exclusion areas (seaward of the 2030 zone of reduced foundation capacity (ZRFC)), where no new development within that part of an allotment of land is permitted, except for minor alterations to existing buildings or structures.

- Precinct 2 Moderate Risk – Restricted development area (landward of Precinct 1 between the 2030 and the 2100 ZRFC), where prescribed alterations to existing buildings, demolition and erection of new replacement buildings (where existing buildings are lawful) and outbuildings, located wholly or in part within Precinct 2, may be considered.

- Precinct 3 Low Risk – Sites landward of Precinct 2 (landward of 2100 ZRFC), limited restrictions.

- Precinct 4 – Sites outside of Precinct 1-3 at risk of oceanic inundation, below wave runup levels.

These precincts are shown by the mapped hazard lines on the Shoalhaven Coastal Hazard Interactive Mapping.

Where buildings lie partly in both high risk and moderate risk areas, the controls that relate to that particular risk area will apply to that part of the building within that area. A summary of the controls for various risk areas is shown in Figure 1.
Figure 1: Summary of acceptable solutions for beach erosion and/or oceanic inundation areas

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<td>Precinct 1 High Risk – Seaward of the 2030 ZRFC</td>
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<td>P1.2 Development provides for the safety of residents, workers or other occupants on-site from risks associated with coastal processes.</td>
<td>A1.1 No new development is permitted.</td>
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<td>P1.3 Development does not increase coastal risks to properties adjoining or within the locality of the site.</td>
<td>A1.2 Development that includes internal fit outs; and/or minor alterations; and/or additions or extensions to existing buildings or structures that are landward of the seaward alignment of existing buildings or structures (refer to Figure 2) must:</td>
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<td>P1.4 Infrastructure, services and utilities on-site maintain their function and achieve their intended design performance.</td>
<td>• Demonstrate how the proposal meets performance criteria P1.1-P1.7.</td>
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<td>P1.5 Development accommodates natural coastal processes including those associated with projected sea level rise.</td>
<td>• Include a coastal engineering report that has been prepared by a suitably qualified person (e.g. coastal engineer). The report is to also address the development application information requirements outlined in Section 6.1 of this Chapter.</td>
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<td>P1.6 Coastal ecosystems are protected from development impacts.</td>
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## Performance Criteria

| P1.7 | Existing public beach, foreshore or waterfront access and amenity is maintained. |

## Acceptable Solutions

- Not include a net increase in floor area for that part of the building in the high-risk area of greater than 10% (refer to Figure 3) with no increase in floor area seaward of current ZRFC.

Note: In some circumstances it may not be possible to increase the floor area due to the specific site risks.

### A1.3
A management response and adaption strategy relevant to the proposal is to be submitted with the development application that addresses this Chapter’s objectives and the NSW Coastal Planning Guideline: Adapting to Sea Level Rise August 2010 (eg. planned retreat, relocatable structures, lightweight materials/construction etc.).

### A1.4
A current condition report is to be submitted for the existing building prepared by a suitably qualified person that addresses:

- The general condition of the building.
- The presence of any building defects associated with or due to deterioration of building members or materials or pests such as subterranean termites.
- Any non-compliances with current Building Code of Australia requirements, including footings, slabs, termite barriers, subfloor, walls and roof framework, structural steel, and any other structural elements such as posts or columns.

Note: The current condition report is to specifically address those parts of the existing building that are proposed to be retained.

### A1.5
Where the development is below the level of wave runup as shown on the Shoalhaven Coastal Hazard Interactive Mapping, an inundation management plan shall be provided that includes:

- No new habitable floor areas below the level of wave runup.
Performance Criteria | Acceptable Solutions
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• No increase in the obstruction to wave runup.  
• Wave runup hazard mitigation measures for any existing habitable floor area below wave runup level.

A1.6 A development application for the purpose of public infrastructure on public land, including community facilities (e.g. surf clubs), shall:

• Specify any coastal hazard protection works required.
• Specify the community benefit of maintaining and redeveloping the infrastructure.
• Include an economic assessment of the proposal in relation to the initial capital costs and the likely long-term costs of maintaining and protecting the infrastructure, considering the particular coastal hazard risks at the location.

Precinct 2 Moderate Risk – Land between the 2030 and 2100 ZRFC

A1.7 Foundations for new development are to be designed by a professional structural engineer to carry all foundation loads into the 2100 Safe Foundation Zone (SFZ) except where inappropriate due to management responses and adaption strategies incorporated into the design.

A1.8 All new development must be designed with a floor level above wave runup level and no obstructions to wave runup.

A1.9 A management response and adaption strategy relevant to the proposal is to be submitted with the development application that addresses this Chapter’s objectives and the NSW Coastal Planning Guideline: Adapting to Sea Level Rise August 2010 (e.g. relocatable structures, lightweight materials/construction etc.).

A1.10 Development applications will be assessed on their merits against the performance criteria P1.1-P1.7 for
### Performance Criteria | Acceptable Solutions
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|  | internal fit outs, minor alterations, additions or extensions to existing buildings or structures.

**Note:** Additional coastal engineering studies are unlikely to be required for development landward of 2050 ZRFC. This will be at the discretion of Council.

**A1.11** A development application for the purpose of public infrastructure on public land, including community facilities (e.g. surf clubs), shall:

- Specify any coastal hazard protection works required when the proposed infrastructure is partially or fully seaward of the 2050 ZRFC.
- Specify the community benefit of maintaining and redeveloping the infrastructure.
- Include an economic assessment of the proposal in relation to the initial capital costs and the likely long-term costs of maintaining and protecting the infrastructure, considering the particular coastal hazard risks at the location.

**Precinct 3 Low Risk – Land beyond the 2100 ZRFC**

**A1.12** All development is to be designed to have all floor levels above wave runup levels and not to deflect or displace wave runup. A development application will be assessed on merit.
Figure 2: A typical cross-section of a sand dune
(Based on the Coastal Risk Management Guide, Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water NSW 2010)

Figure 3: Plan indicating acceptable solutions area of building in high risk area
5.1.2 Areas of cliff/slope instability

The areas identified as being affected by cliff/slope instability are identified on the Shoalhaven Coastal Hazard Interactive Mapping.

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<td>A2.1 A geotechnical report prepared by a professional geotechnical engineer is to be submitted with the development application. The report is to:</td>
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<td>P2.2 Development provides for the safety of residents, workers or other occupants on-site from risks associated with coastal processes.</td>
<td>a. Analyse the existing site stability and the suitability of the proposed development and its likely impact on that site stability. The report is to make reference to:</td>
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<td>P2.3 Development does not increase coastal risks to properties adjoining or within the locality of the site.</td>
<td>i. Shoalhaven City Council Coastal Zone Management Study and Plan – Coastal Slope Instability Hazard Study Final Report (SMEC August 2008); and</td>
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<td>P2.4 Infrastructure, services and utilities on-site maintain their function and achieve their intended design performance.</td>
<td>ii. Douglas Partners Report – Supplementary Geotechnical Observations Project 72051-1 July 2011; and</td>
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<td>P2.5 Development accommodates natural coastal processes including those associated with projected sea level rise.</td>
<td>iii. Douglas Partners Report – Scoping Study and Stability Assessment Project 78319 – Dec 2011; and</td>
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<td>P2.6 Coastal ecosystems are protected from development impacts.</td>
<td>iv. Douglas Partners Report – Surfer Avenue/Bannister Head Road/Tallwood Avenue, Geotechnical Scoping Study and Stability Assessment; and</td>
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<td>P2.7 Existing public beach, foreshore or waterfront access and amenity is maintained.</td>
<td>v. Royal Haskoning DHV Report – Shoalhaven Coastal Cliffs and Slopes Risk Management Program – 2018.</td>
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<td>b. Provide recommendations for engineering design of the proposal. This is to include building foundation design and stormwater drainage design and be prepared in accordance with the Guideline for Landslide Susceptibility, Hazard and Risk Zoning for Land Use Planning Accompanying Commentaries and Practice Note (Australian Geomechanics Society, 2007).</td>
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A2.2 Stormwater from adjoining development shall be managed via interallotment drainage and discharged directly into a stormwater facility of Council (pit, drain, channel, pipe etc.).

A2.3 Piping of stormwater through/over Council foreshore land to a stable location on the top of the slope will be only be considered where:

- The proposed development will not result in an increase in geotechnical risk; and
- Other options for stormwater disposal have been exhausted (e.g. charged system, use of stormwater pump); and
- The applicant is able to demonstrate that the discharge of collected stormwater from their property through the community land will not compromise the core objectives of the plan of management applying to the land.

**Note:**
- For additional information, refer to Council’s Generic Community Lands Plan of Management – Natural Areas and Foreshore Reserves Policy.
- Council may require that stormwater arrangements be maintained as a condition of consent.

5.1.3 Other areas of potential coastal hazard risk

**Note:** Other areas of potential coastal hazard risk are those areas which may be at risk of coastal hazards but are outside of those areas that have been studied and therefore included on the Shoalhaven Coastal Hazard Interactive Mapping. An example would be a headland in a non-urban zone.

If the site is located in an area of potential coastal hazard risk, a site specific coastal hazard study and/or geotechnical report must be carried out to identify the coastal hazard risks and to enable the relevant development standards of this Section to be applied.
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<td>• Identifies the coastal hazard risks.</td>
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<td>• Addresses performance criteria P3.1-P3.7 for assessment based on merit.</td>
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<td>Stormwater from adjoining development shall be managed via interallotment drainage and discharged directly into a stormwater facility of Council (pit, drain, channel, pipe etc.).</td>
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### Note:

- For additional information, refer to Council’s Generic Community Lands Plan of Management – Natural Areas and Foreshore Reserves Policy.
- Council may require, as a condition of consent, that stormwater arrangements are to be maintained.
5.2 Development in Foreshore Areas

This section applies to all development located on land that is the first lot back from a waterfront, including lots on the landward side of an unformed road (Figure 4).

The specific objectives are to:

i. Preserve the appearance and amenity of the foreshore, including solar access, through the careful consideration of siting, height, bulk and scale.

ii. Ensure that development is sympathetic to the physical constraints encountered along foreshore areas.

iii. Encourage innovative design which reflects the need to preserve the amenity of foreshore areas, whilst having due regard to the physical constraints encountered in these areas.

iv. Set appropriate environmental criteria for development in foreshore areas.

v. Provide a comprehensive design-oriented approach to development in foreshore areas.

vi. Achieve a site layout that provides a pleasant, attractive, manageable and resource efficient living environment.

vii. Encourage development that considers the environmental attributes of a subject site.

viii. Ensure that development integrates with the landscape.

ix. Encourage the use of building materials and colours that complement the natural landscape and foreshore environment.
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x. Ensure that materials are suitable to withstand coastal weather conditions.

xi. Preserve, where possible, trees and vegetation along foreshore areas.

xii. Minimise excessive clearing of vegetation along foreshore areas.

xiii. Provide essential stability and groundcover to highly erodible and unstable soils.

xiv. Improve the appearance of development in foreshore areas through landscape works.

5.2.1 Site Planning and Layout

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<td>P4.1 The site layout integrates with the surrounding environment through buildings, streetscape and landscape design relating to topography and to the surrounding neighbourhood character.</td>
<td>A4.1 A detailed site plan should be prepared that addresses the issues outlined within this Chapter and reflects the site analysis plan.</td>
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<td>P4.2 The site layout takes into account on-site features identified by the site analysis.</td>
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<td>P4.3 Where proposed, dwellings are sited and designed to maximise solar access to living areas.</td>
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Note: Refer to Chapter G1: Site Analysis, Sustainable Design and Building Materials in Rural, Coastal and Environmental Areas for information on the preparation of a site analysis plan.

5.2.2 Building Envelope and Siting

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<td>P5.1 Buildings are located, and are of such length, bulk and height, that there is no significant loss of amenity to foreshore areas, and adjoining development. This can be achieved through:</td>
<td>A5.1 Buildings are sited within a building envelope determined by the following method: planes are projected at 45 degrees from a height of 3.5m above ground level (existing) at the front, side and rear boundary. See Figure 5.</td>
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<td>• Building siting and height that are related to land form, with minimal cut and fill.</td>
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<td>• Building bulk that is low profile and generally distributed to reduce impact on foreshore areas, adjoining properties and the public road.</td>
<td>Figure 5: Building envelope</td>
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• **Building** heights similar to those in the public streetscape, with higher components of **buildings** setback, and out of direct **view** from the street and foreshore area.

• **Building** forms that enable a sharing of **views** with neighbours.

• Walls, limited in length and height, to minimise the impacts on foreshore areas, adjoining development and public road.

**P5.2** To make provision for innovative design, as well as giving consideration to difficulties that may arise in connection with steeply sloping properties, **buildings** only encroach outside of the general **building envelope** where it is demonstrated that the proposal will not adversely affect the visual amenity of the area in general.

**P5.3** The proposed **development** does not adversely impact on adjoining development and has regard to privacy, overshadowing and/or solar access.

**P5.4** The **development** does not result in the overshadowing of beaches or adjacent waterfront reserves.

**Note:**

1. Exemptions to **building envelope** encroachments include gutter, fascias, downpipes, eaves up to 0.6m, aerials and masonry chimneys.

2. For site slopes greater than 10%, or involving cut, fill or site excavations, the **ground level** (**existing**) and proposed **building levels** must be clearly identified on the plans and verified by a registered surveyor.

**A5.2** Where there is mature **tree** cover on or adjacent to the site, no **structure** shall be higher than the **tree** canopy.

**A5.3** Despite **A5.1**, variations will be considered where minimum floor levels are required in **flood prone land**. Where such levels may necessitate two **storey** construction or elevated construction, consideration will still be required to be given to issues of privacy, overshadowing, and visual impact.

**A5.4** Any proposed two **storey building** will require the following additional detail:

- A visual analysis, including a photographic assessment, that outlines how the proposal will not be visually prominent from the foreshore, or adversely affect the visual amenity of the **locality**.

- Details outlining how the proposal will not adversely affect the privacy of adjoining development.

- Details, including a shadow diagram, outlining that excessive overshadowing is not likely to occur as a result of the proposal. In this regard, it would be expected that **living areas** as well as useable open space areas of neighbouring **dwellings** receive at least 3 hours of direct sunlight between 9am and 3pm on June 21.

**Note:** Where a two **storey building** is proposed, it is recommended that preliminary consultation is undertaken with **Council**. Applicants are urged also to consult with adjoining land **owners** likely to be affected by their proposal prior to lodging a development application with **Council**. Such
consultation will allow the concerns of affected parties to be taken into account during the design process and may thereby minimise the delays in the processing of the application.

5.2.3 Side Setbacks

The provisions in this subsection do not apply to foreshore blocks that are located on the landward side of a road that is opposite a waterfront reserve, as shown in Figure 6, the exception being lots landward side of an unformed road.

![Figure 6: Example of land where side setback controls do not apply](image)

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<td>P6.1 <strong>Buildings</strong> are located and are of a width that provides opportunities for intermittent views from the public road through to the water.</td>
<td>A6.1 The building is to be sited to provide one minimum side setback equivalent to 10% of the width of the allotment, and up to a maximum of 3.5m in any case (Refer to Figure 7).</td>
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<th>Note: In cases where allotments are irregular in shape and the width varies, the width of the allotment for the purposes of calculating the side setback is the average width of the allotment over the length of the building.</th>
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<td>A6.2 Where possible, side setbacks should be provided along a side boundary with an adjoining building which has a similar corresponding side setback, so as to maximise the view corridor. This side setback is not to be built out with any structure.</td>
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### Acceptable Solutions

![Figure 7: Side setback calculation](image)

**Side Setback Equation:**

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C = \frac{A + B \times 10\%}{2}
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<td>P7.1 All materials and colours used are appropriate to the local landscape.</td>
<td>A7.1 Details of the intended materials and colours to be used for a proposed development shall be submitted with the development application.</td>
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<td>P7.2 Where development is located in essentially native bushland situations, consideration is given to utilising materials and colours that reflect the characteristics of the native vegetation that surround the development site.</td>
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<td>P7.3 Materials are salt tolerant.</td>
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Note: Highly reflective materials are not acceptable in most situations.

5.2.5 Trees and Vegetation

Note:
- Refer to Chapter G1: Site Analysis, Sustainable Design and Building Materials in Rural, Coastal and Environmental Areas and Chapter G4: Tree and Vegetation Management for more information on site analysis and tree management.
- No clearing of the site is to be undertaken until such time as plans and specifications have been approved.

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<td>P8.1 Development is sited in a manner which minimises the removal of trees and native vegetation on the site.</td>
<td>A8.1 Details are to be provided with any development application outlining existing vegetation on the site, and indicating what vegetation will be removed and retained</td>
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<td>P8.2 No vegetation located on public land is damaged, disturbed or removed.</td>
<td>A8.2 Measures including the use of fencing should be utilised for the protection of vegetation during construction phase.</td>
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<td>P8.3 All vegetation that is classified as marine vegetation in Part 7 of the Fisheries Management Act 1994 is protected in its natural state.</td>
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5.2.6 Landscaping

Note: The controls in this section are in addition to those detailed in the following Chapters:
• Chapter G3: Landscaping Design Guidelines;
• Chapter G4: Tree and Vegetation Management; and
• Chapter G5: Threatened Species Impact Assessment.

### Performance Criteria

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<td>P9.1 Exotic species of vegetation are limited to feature trees or shrubs within a native setting.</td>
<td>A9.1 A concept landscape plan shall be submitted with the development application, particularly where it is proposed to develop sites which have been undeveloped and consist largely of native bushland foreshore vegetation.</td>
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<td>P9.2 Access to public land by members of the public is preserved.</td>
<td>A9.2 Following construction, any exposed areas must be stabilised by the use of ground covering plants or mulches to minimise the effects of erosion. This information shall be included on the concept landscape plan.</td>
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<td>A9.3 All work associated with a proposal are to be confined on private property.</td>
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<td>A9.4 Access to public foreshore reserves by the public is not to be restricted by the extension of landscaping, or other works, onto public land from private property.</td>
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### 5.2.7 Site Stability, Excavation and Soil and Water Management

**Note:** The controls in this Section are in addition to those outlined in Chapter G2: Sustainable Stormwater Management and Erosion/Sediment Control and Chapter G26: Acid Sulfate Soils and Geotechnical (Site Stability) Guidelines of this DCP.
### Performance Criteria vs. Acceptable Solutions

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<td>P10.1 Development is designed to utilise construction techniques that reflect the slope of the land and does not introduce measures that require excessive disturbance to the natural slope of a site.</td>
<td>A10.1 Maximum cut and fill permitted for a site is 1m. Details of cut and fill must be provided as part of the development application, indicating how cut and fill areas will be stabilised. Refer to Figure 8.</td>
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<td>P10.2 Development is designed and constructed to reflect specific geotechnical difficulties that may exist in an area.</td>
<td>A10.2 Excavated fill or other material is not to be placed or fall onto adjoining lands.</td>
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<td>P10.3 Measures are utilised, both during and after construction, to control erosion and sedimentation of local water courses and drainage systems.</td>
<td>A10.3 All stormwater quality controls are to be contained within the development site, and discharge is not to be concentrated onto adjoining lands.</td>
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![Figure 8: Cut and fill](image)

### 5.3 Building on Sand Dunes

This Section applies to all land on a sand dune area where development is permissible with development consent.

The specific objectives are to:

i. Make people aware of the problems and risks associated with sand dunes.

ii. Outline the importance of sand dune systems to the coastal environment.

iii. Provide details for the placement of houses on sand dunes.

iv. Detail the correct management techniques for the short and long-term stability of sand dune systems.
### 5.3.1 General

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<td>P11.1 Development has a minimal effect on the dune and adjoining properties.</td>
<td>A11.1 Bare dune areas should be replanted with recommended species and other <em>vegetation</em> that is not appropriate (bitou bush, asparagus fern, lantana etc) should be gradually removed. <strong>Note:</strong> Refer to the <em>NSW Coastal Dune Management Manual</em> for correct techniques for revegetation and stabilisation of dunes. This work should only be done in consultation with Council’s Environmental Services Section and the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage.</td>
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<td>P11.2 Areas of dunal <em>vegetation</em> are protected and replanted.</td>
<td>A11.2 Buildings should be sited in an area which will have minimal effect on the dune and adjoining properties. Sufficient space should be left between the <em>building</em> and the dividing boundary to allow <em>vegetation</em> to assist in stabilising the dune.</td>
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<td>A11.3 Batters should not exceed 1:4.</td>
<td>A11.4 Reshaping of dunes is not permitted unless you have obtained approval from Council and the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage. <strong>Note:</strong> Only pathways set aside by Council should be used for access to the beach. Additional access points should not be cut into the dune as this will destabilise the dune and cause sand to drift inland. Reshaping dunes can lead to an increased risk of coastal inundation from wave runup.</td>
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<td>A11.5 Access <em>roads</em> should be kept to an absolute minimum and access ways should be shared where practical.</td>
<td>A11.6 New and innovative <em>building</em> designs which may be more compatible with the topography and <em>risk</em> should be considered in the design of new <em>buildings/structures</em>. <strong>Note:</strong> Buildings using pole or demountable construction are suggested.</td>
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5.3.2 Species Recommended for Planting on Sand Dunes

The vegetation between development and the beach (usually within a reserve) is particularly vital for dune stabilisation and care should be taken not to disturb this area. Replanting of bare areas on the dune is recommended for dune stability and habitat protection. Council recommends the following species when planting or replanting a sand dune area.

Table 1: Recommended species for planting or replanting

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<td><em>Carpobrotus glaucescens</em> (Pig Face)</td>
<td><em>Acacia longifolia subsp. Longifolia</em> (Sydney Golden Wattle)</td>
<td><em>Casuarina glauca</em> (Casuarina)</td>
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<td><em>Dianella caerulea</em> (Native Lily)</td>
<td><em>Correa alba</em> (White Correa)</td>
<td><em>Leptospermum leavigatum</em> (Coastal Tea Tree)</td>
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<td><em>Ficinia nodosa</em> (Knobby Club Rush)</td>
<td><em>Acacia longifolia subsp sophorae</em> (Coastal Wattle)</td>
<td><em>Banksia integrifolia</em> (Coastal Banksia)</td>
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<td><em>Lomandra longifolia</em> (Spiny Matt Rush)</td>
<td><em>Myoporum acuminatum</em> (Boobialla)</td>
<td><em>Glochidion ferdinandi</em> (Cheese Tree)</td>
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<td><em>Spinifex sericus</em> (Spinifix Grass)</td>
<td><em>Rhagodia candolleana</em> (Seablite)</td>
<td><em>Eucalyptus botryoides</em> (Southern Mahogany)</td>
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6 Advisory Information

6.1 Development Application requirements

In addition to application requirements outlined throughout this Chapter, an application for development in a coastal hazard area must also show that:

- The proposal meets the objectives of this Chapter; and
- Complies with the *NSW Coastal Planning Guideline: Adapting to Sea Level Rise* August 2010.

Applications for development in areas of coastal hazard must show that the proposal satisfies the relevant performance criteria in this Chapter. In order to do so, the following information is to be submitted with the development application, as part of the Statement of Environmental Effects, as appropriate to the scale and location of the proposal:

1. Information outlining the type of proposed development including:
   - Nature, bulk, scale and location of proposed development.
   - Proposed use and occupation of buildings, and those on adjoining land.
2. Plans illustrating the position and configuration of the proposed development in relation to coastal risks including:

- Position of the 2100, 2050 and 2030 ZRFC lines and wave run-up lines in relation to the property boundaries prepared by a registered Land Surveyor.
- Position of the existing and proposed buildings.
- Existing ground levels related to Australian Height Datum (AHD) around the perimeter of the building.
- Existing or proposed floor levels related to AHD.
- Foundation type.
- Topographic levels of the site to an accuracy of 0.1m, and structures to an accuracy of 0.01m, showing relative levels related to AHD.

3. A report on the following hazards (if relevant) at the site and their potential increase in the future due to projected sea level rise:

- Projected increase in sea level rise and its influence (if any) on the local tidal range.
- Soft coast erosion – beach and fore dune loss and/or migration, shoreline recession, beach realignment.
- Coastal flooding.
- Coastal entrance behaviour.
- Reconfiguration of intermittently open and closed lakes and lagoons.
- Cliff and slope instability.
- Ground water elevation and/or salinisation.

The report should also demonstrate whether the development proposal:

- Is consistent with the relevant coastline or flood risk management plan;
- Is consistent with any relevant section of this plan that relates to coastal or flood issues;
- Meets the coastal protection and flood risk management requirements of Shoalhaven LEP 2014; and
- Incorporates appropriate management responses and adaptation strategies.
### 6.2 Other legislation or policies you may need to check

**Note:** This section is not exclusive, and you may be required to consider other legislation, policies and other documents with your application.

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### Legislation

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- Shoalhaven Local Environmental Plan 2014
- Fisheries Management Act 1994