

Preparing Coastal Communities for Long-Term Environmental Changes

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Abstract

Queensland's natural environment and coastal lifestyle are the envy of Australia; however both are under increasing pressure from both population growth and climate change. Coastal communities are vulnerable to a range of natural and human-induced factors, and these communities need the capacity to prepare for extreme events such as storms and flooding, as well as long-term environmental changes. In this talk Simon Warner will explore the role of SEQ Catchments Ltd in raising awareness of issues affecting our coast line and in engaging coastal populations and state and local policy makers in addressing some of these issues. He will discuss the importance of planning and sustainable development, particularly with regard to coastal development. He will also outline progress with coordinated natural resource management input to the review of the SEQ Regional Plan.