

## FACTSHEET No.5 - Our Values

### Environmental values



#### A future resilient Cooloola Coast will have:

Protected freshwater and tidal waterways and wetland habitats that support our special and diverse wildlife such as dolphins, dugongs and migratory shorebirds

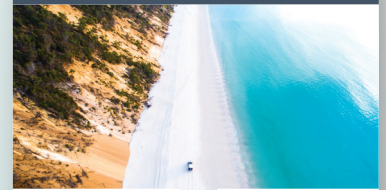
Safe nesting sites for sea turtles

### What we value in a resilient Cooloola Coast

We acknowledge the Kabi Kabi and Butchulla Peoples as the Traditional Owners of the land on the Cooloola Coast region. We pay respect to their Elders, past, present and emerging, and acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and custodianship of Land and Sea Country.

The local residents and visitors to the Cooloola Coast have long and enduring connections to this region. This fact sheet shares what our communities have told us they value most about the coast, as well as issues of concern. This information was collected as part of the development of the Gympie Coastal Hazard Adaptation Strategy during a number of discussions and engagement activities in 2019.

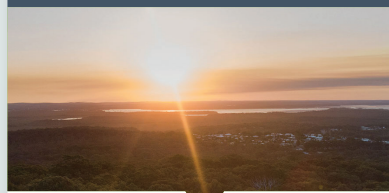
### Tourism values



#### A future resilient Cooloola Coast will maintain its:

Locally and nationally recognised attractions that contribute to the local economy such as dolphin feeding, 4x4 driving and beach camping

### Cultural values



#### A future resilient Cooloola Coast will have:

Places of Aboriginal cultural and spiritual significance that are protected including Pipeclay National Park and the Great Sandy National Park

Protected sites of European historical significance

### Recreation values



#### A future resilient Cooloola Coast will have:

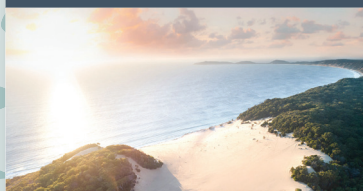
Controlled open spaces for land-based recreation and exercising such as picnicking, horse riding and local playgrounds

Safe, inviting and easy access for water-based recreation including boating, fishing and beach swimming

Safe access to local fishing sites and creeks including all weather boat ramps

Native wildflower habitats and walking tracks

### Place-based values



#### A future resilient Cooloola Coast will maintain its:

Stunning sunrise and sunset views from the beach

Wide open beaches, bays and headlands

## Our Threats

### Planning & enforcement concerns



**A future resilient Cooloola Coast could be threatened by:**

Tourism and visitor activities in sensitive areas that are unsustainable, uncontrolled and poorly managed

Illegal dumping and leaching from waste (dump) facilities

Land use and infrastructure planning decisions are poorly considered and impact environmental values

### What could threaten these values?

If we don't proactively plan for the future now, some of our values may be increasingly threatened or negatively impacted over time as coastal hazards become more severe.

### Infrastructure concerns



**A future resilient Cooloola Coast could be threatened by:**

Unsafe or single road access in and out of coastal towns during extreme weather events making emergency evacuation difficult

Transport and bridge infrastructure that is poorly maintained

Sewerage treatment and stormwater infrastructure that is poorly maintained

Poorly maintained recreational infrastructure including picnic tables, boat ramps and fencing

### Land management concerns



**A future resilient Cooloola Coast could be threatened by:**

Loss of dune and foreshore habitats for turtle nesting

Loss of marine and intertidal habitats for local endemic species such as sea cucumbers

Increase in invasive plant and animal species

Loss of tourism opportunities due to impacts on local attractions from natural disasters and erosion

More information on coastal hazards can be found at:

Coast Adapt: <https://coastadapt.com.au> | QCoast2100: <http://www.qcoast2100.com.au>  
<https://www.gympie.qld.gov.au/resilientcooloola>