



# Draft Environment and Liveability Strategy

## OVERVIEW

### A healthy environment and liveable Sunshine Coast in 2041

Building a pathway to a healthy environment and liveable Sunshine Coast:

- Maintain and nurture our natural environment
- Tackle the challenge of population growth
- Build resilience against the potential impacts of climate change
- Create liveable spaces and places to live, work and play
- Drive renewable energy, efficiency and technical know-how
- Live up to the expectations of future generations

**Have your say** on this bold, new-generation strategy

Submissions close Sunday 4 June 2017.

For more information and to view the Draft Environment and Liveability Strategy visit:

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## Did you know?

1. 54% of the Council area has **native vegetation**.
2. The Sunshine Coast's waterway network is **12,000km** in length and includes **3,700km** of creeks and rivers.
3. The Sunshine Coast has **60km of open shoreline** and 51km of coastal pathways
4. We have **8,800ha of open space** managed by Council.
5. There are **over 1,000 recreational parks**.
6. Average of **172L of water** consumed per person per day.
7. Community generates **24,000 garbage trucks** of waste per year.



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## What is its purpose?

The draft strategy has been developed to provide long-term strategic direction to guide growth and shape the Sunshine Coast for future generations to 2041.

It focuses on the natural environment and how it can be preserved and enhanced, as well as the liveability of the region – enabling a good quality of life for all residents in an accessible and well-connected built environment.

## Why is it needed?

In this rapidly changing world there will be many challenges and opportunities for our much-loved Sunshine Coast way of life – increasing population, changing climate, economic growth and emerging technologies.

The Draft Environment and Liveability Strategy is needed to help navigate our way through these challenges while harnessing the opportunities. Its integrated and long-term approach to guiding development of the Sunshine Coast offers clarity, inspiration and direction.

## Who should read it?

This strategy helps shape the future of our community over the next 25 years and is essential reading for:

- Residents
- Community organisations and peak bodies
- Business and industry
- Students
- All levels of government.

## How will it be used?

The strategy ensures, as a rapidly growing region, the Sunshine Coast is prepared for the challenges the future will bring. It will be used to:

- Inform planning
- Guide decision-making
- Drive implementation
- Engage stakeholders.



## The structure of the Draft Environment and Liveability Strategy

The draft strategy is presented in three important and integrated parts:

### Part A – Strategic Directions

Part A explains council's strategic direction and policy intentions under the umbrella of three sections and their associated themes that are central to achieving a healthy environment and liveable Sunshine Coast in 2041.

The three sections and their themes are:

<p><b>The Natural Environment</b></p>  <p>Preserving and enhancing our natural assets and ecosystems that are vital to a healthy environment, community and economy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Landscape and Character</li><li>• Biodiversity</li><li>• Waterways and Wetlands</li><li>• Coastal</li></ul>	<p><b>The Environment we Create</b></p>  <p>Shaping and managing growth through the design and form of our houses, neighbourhoods and public realm to maintain the liveability of our region.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Open Space</li><li>• Flooding and Stormwater</li><li>• Neighbourhoods and Housing</li><li>• Social Infrastructure</li><li>• Sustainable Design</li></ul>	<p><b>Living in the Environment</b></p>  <p>Embedding sustainable, adaptable and affordable living practices to build community resilience.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Energy and Resources</li><li>• Sustainable Living</li><li>• Adaptation and Resilience</li></ul>
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### Part B – Five-Year Implementation Plan

This part of the draft strategy sets a delivery framework of services and actions needed to achieve the strategic directions set out in Part A.

Developed as a five-year outlook and to be updated regularly, the implementation plan seeks to track progress and report on the strategy's performance.

### Part C – Network Plan

The Network Plan provides direction and technical detail to assist with the implementation of the strategy to achieve the best outcomes and standards.





### Why should we act now?

Long-term planning is necessary but action must start now.

By acting now, we can limit the loss of our natural environment, tackle the challenge of population growth in different and better ways, actively prepare to meet the needs and expectations of future communities and build a landscape and community that is resilient to the forecast impacts of climate change.

### What are the priority actions?

A number of Transformational Actions will be actively pursued once the draft strategy is finalised. These actions outlined in the draft strategy will deliver significant advancements in:

- the way our environment is managed
- how liveable communities are shaped
- supporting sustainable living.

### Next steps?

Following consultation, council will review the feedback received and prepare the final strategy for council's consideration.

## Have your say

The Draft Environment and Liveability Strategy sets long-term policy directions for your Sunshine Coast. We encourage you to be part of informing these long-term directions and want to hear from you.

- Do you agree with the vision for the strategy?
- Do you have any ideas on actions within your community that could help to achieve this vision?
- Do you agree with the targets?
- Are there any gaps?

Share your thoughts with us and together we can achieve a healthy environment and liveable Sunshine Coast that will make our community proud now and into the future.

Visit us at the website to have your say or come to one of our information sessions to talk to our team.

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