

Engagement Tool - Community values survey template

With any coastal risk and hazard planning, we need to understand how the coastline may change and determine the most appropriate way to respond to and manage the changes, whilst considering the trade-offs that might need to occur (prioritising certain elements over others).

A **Values Survey** aims to understand what you (the community and users of the coast) think is important about the coast and which elements of coastal planning and management should be prioritised.

The attached framework represents a combination of different lines of questioning that are common in values surveys. There are several variation on a survey such as this, and more complex survey tools available, such as the work described in the Guidelines (Section 4.2.1) regarding the University of Western Australia study.

-----SURVEY BEGINS-----

1. Have you visited the [name of coast area] within the last year?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

2. How often would you visit the beach or foreshore area in [name of coast area]?

	Hot months (Nov-April)	Cold months (May-Oct)
Nearly every day (5-7 times a week)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A few times a week (2-4 times a week)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
About once a week	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
About once a fortnight	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
About once a month	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Less than once a month	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3. Which beach or foreshore area do you visit most often? [insert relevant names] (select all that apply)

- ☐ Management Unit Area A
- ☐ Management Unit Area B

- Management Unit Area C
- Other (please specify)

4. What activities do you usually undertake on your typical trip to [name of coast area]? (select all that apply)

List typical activities for your location – include water-based and land-based activities and passive and active recreation activities.

5. How much do you know about coastal hazards and adaptation planning that is undertaken to respond to them?

Not at all	<input type="checkbox"/>
I have observed some impacts but know nothing about any planned responses	<input type="checkbox"/>
I have observed some impacts and am aware that [<i>local government/state government</i>] is responding to it	<input type="checkbox"/>
I am informed about coastal hazards and the process Council is following	<input type="checkbox"/>

6. How do you think you might be impacted by coastal hazard risk?

Open text field

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8. On a scale of strongly agree to strongly disagree, how do you value the following coastal management approaches?

Example response options:

- *Retention of natural landscapes, not interrupted by human-made structures*
- *Conservation of heritage sites*
- *Opportunities for commercial operations that support the local economy (e.g cafes and tourism activities)*
- *Opportunities to use facilities for structured/active recreation (e.g. coastal shared path and paths through the dunes for cycling, running)*

Include options as appropriate for local area.

9. On a scale of strongly agree to strongly disagree, how do you feel about the following options for coastal management?

Example response options:

- *Preserve dunes, revegetate foreshore reserves and do not remove beach wrack (seaweed) to lower the risk of coastal erosion.*
- *Protect private property from erosion, even if this results in the loss of public foreshore reserve and beach access.*
- *Relocate assets away from the coast and let natural processes take their course.*
- *Do nothing, wait for development to be impacted by coastal hazards and then remove it.*

Include options as appropriate for local area.

10. On a scale of strongly agree to strongly disagree, how do you feel about the following options that describe how we might pay for coastal management?

Example response options:

- *Landowners should protect their own private property at their own cost if it can be demonstrated there will be no impact on the adjoining coast. The cost of construction and maintenance would be carried by the landowner.*
- *The [local government/state government] should undertake protection work and ask all ratepayers to help pay for both the cost of construction and maintenance through rates or other levies.*
- *The [local government/state government] should do nothing and remove development as it is at risk of damage from erosion.*

Include options as appropriate for local area.

11. Demographic questions [use typical questions common to the local government] e.g. where you live, age, gender, family profile, description of respondent (e.g. owner, rent, First Nations, community member, regular user of coast etc)