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Dear Property Owner

## **PROTECTING YOUR TIDAL WATERFRONT PROPERTY**

Waterfront living is an attractive and preferred way of life for many Gold Coast residents.

Indeed, there are now 675 kilometres of waterfront properties within the Gold Coast local government area. Revetment walls protect properties across more than 400 kilometres of this waterfront. As these walls have aged, without proper maintenance they can become structurally unsound.

To ensure that all waterfront property owners are clear about who must maintain a revetment wall, Council wishes to remind owners that the obligation to maintain and repair revetment walls located wholly or partially within the boundaries of privately-owned lots, is the sole responsibility of the owners.

The owner of tidal waterfront property that is connected to, or receives the benefit of a revetment wall, even if the wall is located outside the private property boundary, also has a responsibility under State legislation to ensure the wall is maintained in a safe condition.

Council has a responsibility under State Government legislation to clean and maintain canals, as well as maintain revetment walls but only on Council controlled land.

It is essential that all revetment walls are regularly inspected and properly maintained. Inevitably, however, the day will come when they need to be substantially reconstructed or replaced.

Council is urging property owners to determine when their revetment walls will reach the end of their design lifespan and to save funds for their eventual replacement.

Council has considered the issue of revetment walls, and two relevant reports can be found on its website ([www.goldcoastcity.com.au/revetment](http://www.goldcoastcity.com.au/revetment)).

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