

## **Pittwater Council's Sea Level Rise Seminar**

### **Thursday 29 May**

Congratulations to Pittwater Council for initiating the Sea Level Rise Seminar.

Climate change is one of the greatest threats councils face, and for coastal communities, sea level rise will be a great challenge.

Sea walls, jetties and other coastal defences will be tested to the limit, there will be an increase in coastal erosion and inundation, a loss of beach width, and reduced wetland habitat from shoreline erosion and saltwater intrusion.

Councils are already working on a number of projects to manage sea level rise, including land use planning and quarantining of low-lying areas from development, but the response requires leadership from State Government.

I commend councils for their commitment to addressing the problem, and trust the seminar will prove worthwhile.

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