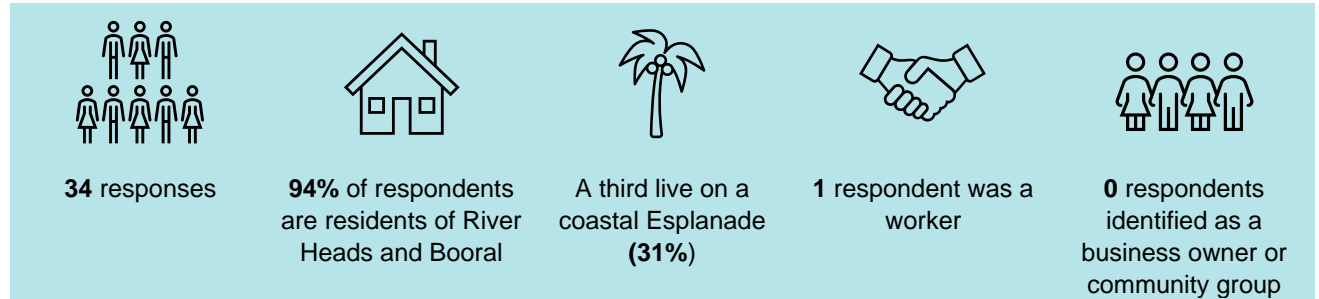


# River Heads and Booral

## Coastal Adaptation Strategies Survey Responses (July/August 2020)

### Respondent characteristics:



### Guiding strategy preferences for River Heads and Booral:

All adaptation strategies received high levels of support from respondents. Protect/defend had lowest levels of support. Enhance, avoid and adapt were the preferred adaptation strategies.

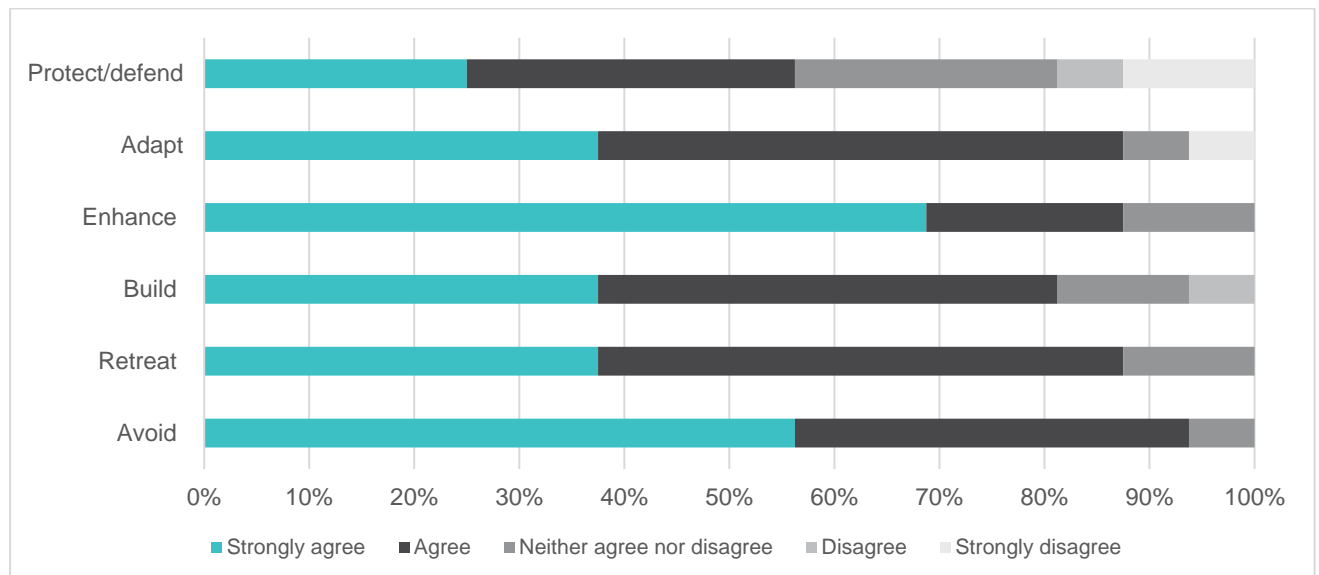


Figure 1: Preferred response strategies for River Heads and Booral

### Key feedback

1. Protection and enhancement of foreshore areas and mangrove habitat is strongly supported by the community, particularly in Turtle Cove. The community are keen to be involved in revegetation activities. Littering and vegetation clearing in foreshore areas should be penalised.
2. The strong preference is for natural adaptation interventions which protect the Great Sandy Strait townships for future generations and tourists. It is acknowledged that there may be a need for man-made structures, like sea walls to protect at risk areas, over time.
3. Avoid residential development in proximity to the foreshore and other at-risk areas, particularly in Turtle Cove and adjacent to Waterman's Way. At-risk land could be zoned Open Space zone or similar, some suggested these areas should be acquired by government for education or tourism purposes.
4. Buildings that are coastal dependent (e.g. boat storage) should be designed to allow for removal or relocation where possible, to respond to coastal hazard risk.

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5. Land at 2-4 Ariadne Street, River Heads should be resumed by Council and revegetated, rather than being developed for a car park.
6. Hard infrastructure protection should be combined with a new walking track and boardwalk from River Heads Boat Ramp to Urangan Harbour, to build community resilience and support local adaptation.

### How would you like to be involved or support coastal adaptation?

Volunteering to monitor coastal changes and issues was the most common response. There were a similar number of respondents who indicated they would be willing to undertake works on their property or building to protect against coastal hazards as those who did not want to contribute time or funds to adaptation works. There were low levels of support for paying a levy or supporting a rates increase to fund coastal adaptation works in this area.

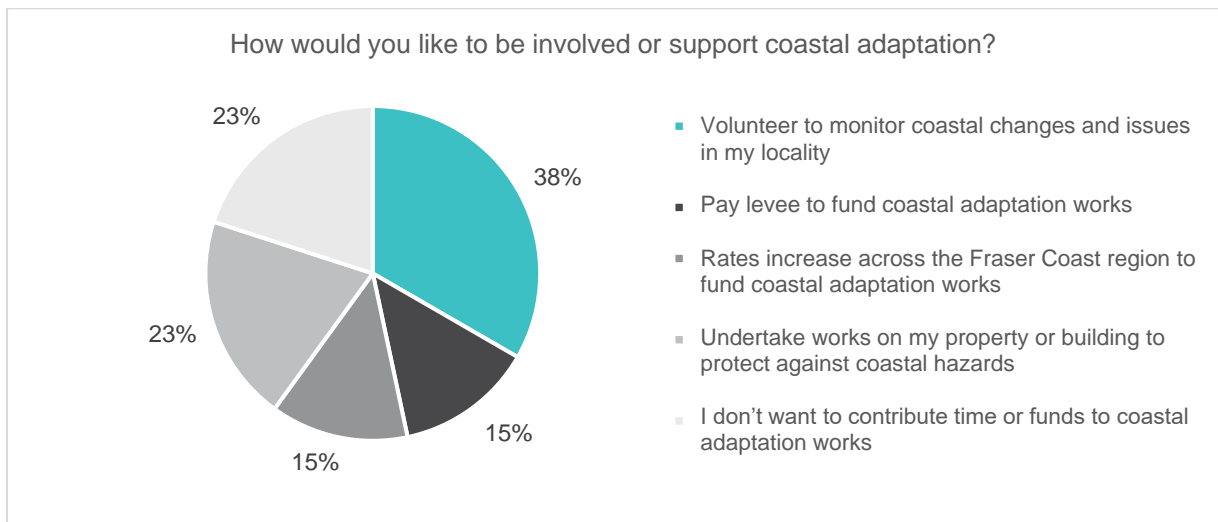


Figure 2: Preferred involvement in coastal adaptation in River Heads and Booral