

## 2.7 Public Question Time

The aim of public question time is to provide an opportunity for the public to ask general questions at Council Meetings requiring routine responses. Questions with or without notice can be submitted.

Questions with notice are to be received in writing by 10.00am the Monday prior to the relevant Council Meeting and can be lodged via the Shire's website. Questions received by this time will be provided with a considered response prepared by the relevant Shire officer and read by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) at the Council Meeting.

Questions without notice must be lodged in person no later than 15 minutes prior to the commencement of the meeting. The question will be read by the CEO and taken on notice with a written response forwarded to the person asking the question within 7 days of the Council Meeting and published on the Shire's website.

This segment does not substitute for appeal or other formal business procedures with the Council.

### **Written Response**

#### **Protection of our Coastline**

Ms Lisa Francis asked the following question:

*Will Council recognise one of its greatest assets is our beautiful beaches and coastline and accordingly invest in their protection for the benefit of the community?*

**A subsequent written response to the above question was provided by Ms Laura Crilly, Team Leader – Water and Coasts, as follows:**

The Mornington Peninsula Shire (Shire) is embarking on a region-wide Coastal Strategy as a pilot project in the Victoria's Resilient Coast – Adapting for 2100+ program. The Strategy will:

- Identify cultural, environmental, heritage and recreation values of coastal areas.
- Review of existing hazard data, identification of gaps and development of hazard assessments to inform adaptation planning.
- Identify priority sites requiring adaptation planning and provide foundations to allow for informed adaptation planning in the future.

This will be the largest and most thorough coastal study of the Mornington Peninsula and will guide the use and management of our coasts.

The Shire invests each year in renewal of infrastructure assets including beach access. There is also committed ongoing funding to respond to weather events that damage infrastructure or create risks on our foreshores.

A report will be brought to 30 May Council meeting in response to Response to Notice of Motion 396 (Cr Marsh) clarifying budget details for the Mornington Peninsula Coastal Strategy, tangible actions to improve coastal amenity, access and infrastructure and coastal projects for funding consideration in the 2023/24 Budget.