

Dohles Rocks Seawall Reconstruction Engagement Summary July 2026



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Protecting the foreshore from coastal erosion

Dohles Rocks is a well-used foreshore area located at the eastern end of Dohles Rocks Road in Griffin.

The seawall is a long-serving barrier that protects the Pine River foreshore from coastal erosion, helping ensure this popular waterfront area is safe and usable.

The existing seawall is a near-vertical rock wall with a boat ramp (owned by the Department of Transport and Main Roads), and two small-boat ramps to the east. The seawall has gradually deteriorated due to age, tidal conditions and ongoing exposure to coastal weather.

In 2025, the seawall was significantly damaged by Tropical Cyclone Alfred. Council received funding to reconstruct the seawall through the jointly funded Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.

Reconstructing the seawall is a practical step in the protection of the park, playground, road and other infrastructure from coastal erosion. The seawall is not intended to protect against other coastal hazards such as riverine flooding, storm tide inundation and sea level rise.

The old seawall will be removed. The reconstructed seawall will use rock armour, made of large durable rocks.

This style of seawall is designed to withstand the conditions of coastal areas, providing long-term protection and stability.

Engagement Snapshot

Between 28 May and 29 June 2026, we invited the community to have their say on the placement of access stairs and small-boat launch ramps on the reconstructed seawall. There were 23 surveys completed and four email submissions received. Forty-eight people attended two community pop-up sessions. Generally, we heard:

- support for the reconstruction project and a preference to retain existing stairs and ramp locations
- desire to retain a sandy section of beach at the western end and create new sandy areas for play
- preference for stairs and small boat ramps to be close to parking
- support for protecting mangroves and considering nature-based, eco-engineering design elements
- concerns regarding overland flooding and whether an increase in seawall height will increase flooding risk to properties.
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How we engaged

Promoting the consultation

Opportunities to have a say on the placement of access stairs and small boat launch points were promoted via:

- dedicated project webpage on our Your Say Moreton Bay (YSMB) platform
- signage along the foreshore
- email to YSMB project followers
- YSMB newsletter article
- project notice delivered to residents and coffee shop facing the seawall.

Collecting feedback

Feedback was shared by:

- completing a short online feedback form and adding pins to an interactive map
- attending one of two community pop-up sessions at the location to speak to members of the project team
- calling or meeting with the project team
- emailing feedback to yoursay@moretonbay.qld.gov.au

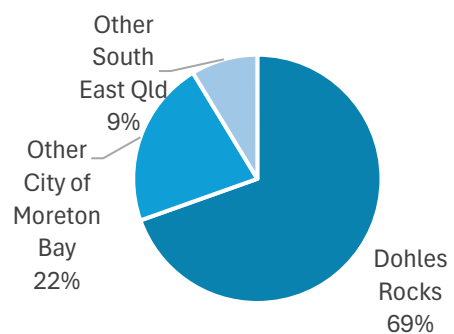
During the consultation period, we had:

- 270 webpage views
- 23 surveys completed

- 4 email submissions
- 71 pins added to the online interactive map
- 48 people attended two community pop-up sessions

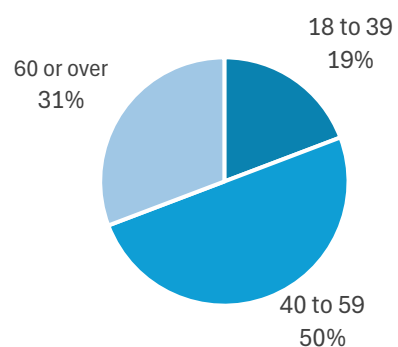
Who we heard from

Nearly 70% of survey respondents live in or around the project area.



Location of respondents

Half of all respondents were aged between 40 and 60 years.

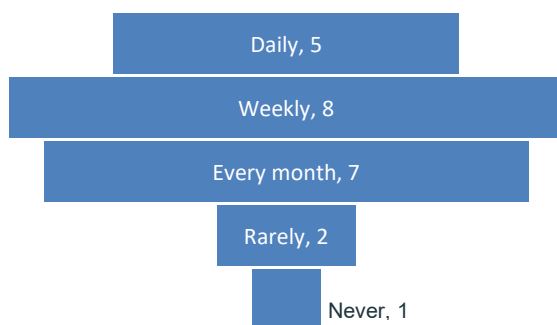


Age of respondents

What we heard

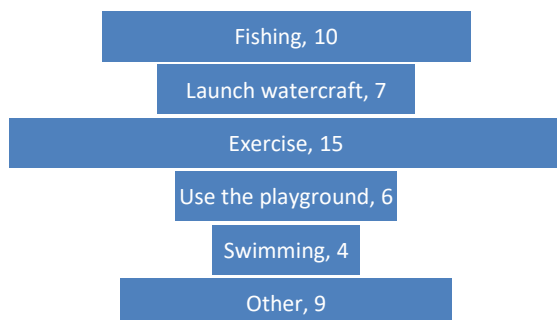
Foreshore use

The majority of survey respondents visit the foreshore either weekly or every month. Just over 25% visit the foreshore daily. A small number of respondents visit the foreshore rarely or never.



How often do you visit the foreshore?

Respondents were asked what activities they do at the foreshore. Most respondents visit the foreshore to exercise. Those who selected 'Other' said they like to walk their dog, have coffee and read.



What activities do you do at the foreshore?

"The access stairs where they currently are, are fine."

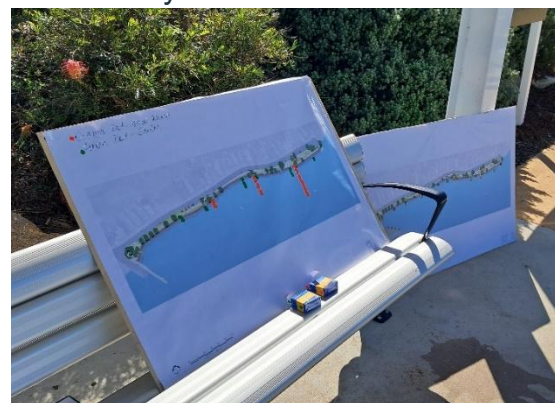
Survey respondent



Community pop-up at Dohles Rocks

Location of stairs and small boat launch point

Survey respondents could provide feedback on the location of the access stairs and small boat launch ramp by placing 'pins' on an interactive map in the survey. Respondent could place more than one pin. Attendees at the community pop-ups could also provide their feedback via a "dotmocracy" activity where they used sticky dots to indicate their preferred location. A total of 71 pins were placed on the interactive map and around 50 dots were placed on the dotmocracy.



Dotmocracy at community pop-up

Nearly 20% of pins on the interactive online map were dropped close to the existing main boat ramp. Participants noted this location is preferable for stairs and a ramp because it's close to the coffee shop, toilets and parking. Participants at the community pop-up also mentioned the sandy area near the main boat ramp is popular for families and suggested it be retained.

“Stairs near public toilets, shelter shed, boat ramp, parking, café.”

Survey respondent

Just over 25% of pins were dropped near the existing small boat launch ramp (opposite 1016-1024 Dohles Rocks Road). Respondents suggested the stairs and ramp are retained in this location because it's away from the playground, is near shelter and there is parallel parking available for cars and canoe trailers on the street. This was the third-most suggested location for a ramp and stairs on the dotmocracy.

“This (opposite 1022 Dohles Rocks Road) would be a better place for a dedicated canoe/kayak launch point as there is the opportunity to parallel park car and canoe trailer on the street...”

Survey respondent

Around 5% of pins were dropped near the existing sets of stairs opposite 1034-1040 Dohles Rocks Road, with one respondent noting this position has some protection from wind and tide. Another respondent suggested stairs to access a

larger sandy area under the trees, noting it is a favourite place for families with children. This was the second-most suggested location for a small boat launch ramp on the dotmocracy.

“This area is a favourite for families to sit...on the sandy area that is exposed mostly at low tide.”

Survey respondent

Just over 12% of pins on the online map and most of the Dotmocracy selections were on ‘Blue Toppings Ramp’, with respondents suggesting this is a good spot for launching small boats. One respondent noted there is sufficient space to allow cars to be completely off the road when launching boats, canoes and small craft into the water. Another respondent noted this is the shortest ramp distance to “deep” water.

“...Topping boat ramp should stay in its location for historical reasons... larger length step-down stairs like at Suttons Beach at the beach area beside the large boat ramp.”

Survey respondent

“...revise the detailed design to incorporate eco-engineering and nature-based features, consolidate public access points in already disturbed areas, improve stormwater outcomes...”

Email feedback

Nearly 20% of pins were dropped around 'George Dohle Place' with respondents suggesting both access stairs and a small boat launch point in this area. The majority of dots placed on the dotmocracy suggested a small boat launch ramp in this area.

"A dedicated canoe/ kayak launch point here (George Dohle Place) as currently we launch off the steps in the corner"

Survey respondent

Respondents were able to provide additional comments in response to the question "Do you have any other feedback about placement of access stairs and small boat launch point?"

Comments included:

- ensuring stairs are close to parking for disabled access
- more parking and designated boat area to reduce congestion on the street
- more fencing along the foreshore for safety
- removing the stairs at the eastern end due to southeast onshore winds, deterioration, and lack of parking and nearby amenities
- a new pontoon and toilets at the eastern end.

"There are many kids in the area so if this is protected (it) will be great."

Survey respondent

Other feedback

Additional feedback was received that wasn't directly related to the questions asked. Suggestions included:

- Pioneer a hybrid or nature-based approach to the seawall design, integrate eco-engineering features and nature-based features, consolidate access points and commit to ecological monitoring
- relocate and protect memorial plaques currently attached to the seawall are
- add more lighting along the foreshore, preferably solar bollards on a sensor
- replace the concrete footpath with a timber boardwalk
- incorporate fishing platforms into the seawall design
- add more green space along the foreshore
- reconsider the use of bark in garden beds, as this blows onto the pathways
- do not remove mangroves
- check the health of gumtrees towards the eastern end
- consider other improvement works alongside the seawall construction and protect or reinstate existing amenities (such as seating and shelters)
- consider the design within the context of broader flood mitigation work.

Next steps

Thank you to everyone who took part in the consultation. Your contributions will help inform the detailed design. Construction is anticipated to commence in 2027, subject to weather delays and other unforeseen circumstances.

