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To – (Local Coastal MP)

**RE: Managing Australia's Coastal Hazards**

On Friday, 5 May, delegates attending the 2017 Australian Coastal Councils Conference adopted the attached Communiqué calling on the Australian Government to play a lead role in developing a coordinated national approach to dealing with coastal hazards.

As a Member of Parliament representing a coastal electorate you will be aware these risks include more frequent and severe extreme weather events, widespread coastal erosion and the growing pressures of climate change.

The delegates attending the 2017 Australian Coastal Councils Conference believe there is an urgent need for a coordinated national approach to manage these coastal hazards, which place our iconic coastal zone at risk.

This would involve a commitment by the three tiers of government to work collaboratively to ensure the sustainability of the coastal environment and coastal communities.

On behalf of our local coastal community I am seeking your support in bringing this Communiqué to the attention of your party leader and relevant spokespersons.

If you would like additional information in relation to this matter please let me know.

Yours sincerely,