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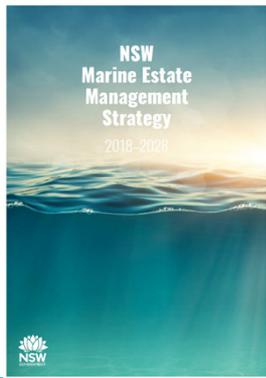


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**NSW Marine Estate Management Strategy**  
**Estuary-wide strategies to streamline the assessment of domestic foreshore structures and bank management works**

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NSW Marine Estate Management Strategy 2018-2028

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Management Objective –  
*Foreshore development*

To protect coastal and marine habitats and associated species and enhance the health of the marine estate by improving the design, quality and ongoing management of foreshore development, use and waterways infrastructure.

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**Presentation summary**

- Threats to estuarine foreshores
- Domestic Foreshore Structure Strategy
- Bank Management Strategy
- Benefits:
  - Improved environmental outcomes
  - Streamline development assessment process
- Crown Lands



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### Threats to Estuarine Foreshores

- Foreshore development poses threats to environmental, social and economic assets
- Threats identified include:
  - Water pollution
  - Habitat loss
  - Public Access
  - Visual amenity
  - Aboriginal cultural heritage



### Domestic Foreshore Structures Strategies

- Will aim to address:
- Impacts to community use
  - Habitat degradation
  - Ad-hoc assessment
  - Regulatory complexity
  - Future demand



### Domestic Foreshore Structures Strategies



### Bank Management Strategies

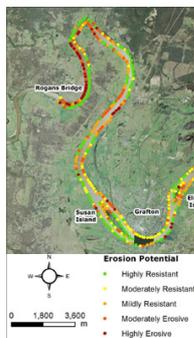
- Hard treatment options not always best option
- Ad-hoc and patchy treatment
- Resource-intensive DA process
- These factors can undermine environmental, social and economic values of the foreshore



### Bank Management Strategies

Aim - develop a consistent, robust methodology to determine erosion risk and treatment by

- Decision Support Tool
- Identify best management practice
- Test the DST in pilot rivers
- Streamline the approval process through endorsement of the DST
- Identify hot spot areas



### Location of Strategies for Stage 1



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### Benefits to Local Government



- Council Planners - Initial response to proponents
- Identification of public structures
- CMPs
- Built into the DA Checklist
- Used by DPI Fisheries and Crown Lands
- Holistic – estuary whole assessment



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### Crown Lands – delivery partner

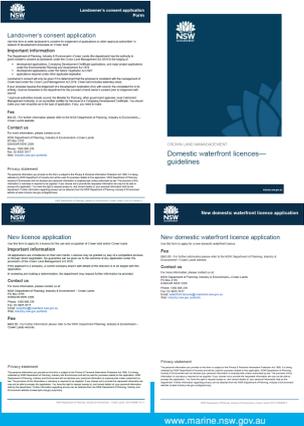
- Submerged land below the MHWM is generally Crown land
- Foreshore above MHWM may also be Crown land, e.g. Crown reserve or a Crown road



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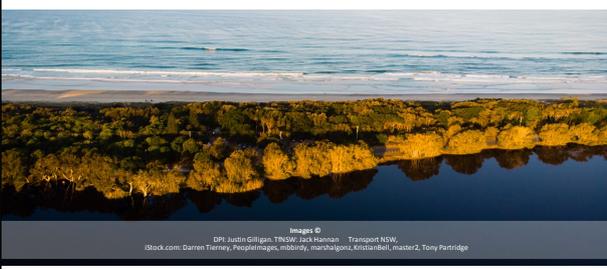
### Streamlined approvals

- 'Land owners consent' and/or a Crown licence may be required for structures/works
- Streamlined approvals and referral processes through traffic light system
- A more strategic, integrated and consistent approach to estuary management



The screenshot displays two pages from the NSW Government website. The top page is titled 'Landowner's consent application' and includes sections for 'Important information', 'How to apply', and 'Fees'. The bottom page is titled 'New domestic waterfront licence application' and includes sections for 'How to apply', 'Fees', and 'Domestic waterfront licences—guidelines'. Both pages feature the NSW Government logo and the website URL 'www.marine.nsw.gov.au'.

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