

Climate Adaptation Planning: St Clair-St Kilda Coastal Plan

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Local authorities around New Zealand face the challenge of managing the effects of coastal hazards and climate change. Responses should consider the needs and aspirations of the community and how these are affected by the changing nature of coastal hazards.

In 2019, Dunedin City Council (DCC) began its journey to develop an adaptive management plan for the city's most popular beach, St Clair to St Kilda. The development of the plan is only part of the story. Through the process, the team needed to collate the technical understanding of the changing coast, support the development of community aspirations, gain support of elected members within the council and secure funding to support the investment required to realise a sustainable future for this section of coastline.

The [St Clair – St Kilda Coastal Plan](#) is DCC's effort to establish a basis for change, a holistic and community-oriented plan that sets out practical steps for transition and the establishment of a vision for this much-loved coast. This talk presents an overview of the journey so far.

