



## SHIRE OF CHRISTMAS ISLAND PUBLIC NOTICE

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### KAMPONG COASTAL RISKS DIALOGUE

#### **Council Resolution**

The Shire of Christmas Island resolved at its 22 September 2020 Ordinary Council Meeting to initiate a formal dialogue with the Kampong residents to collaboratively explore a future sustainable planning and social approach in response to on-going rock fall threats and recognised coastal risks affecting the ageing Kampong housing stock and amenities.

#### **Coastal Risks affecting the Kampong**

Coastal hazards such as shoreline erosion and inundation associated with storm surges and rock fall triggered by torrential rains are recognised risks having the potential to exercise significant pressure on the integrity of the Kampong built form and infrastructure with predictable impacts affecting residents.

#### **Climate Change**

There is scientific consensus within Australia and internationally that the effects of Climate Change such as bushfires and cyclones are increasing in frequency, scale and severity with considerable physical, economic and social impacts on the communities involved. This is relevant to the Kampong and has been documented in the *2009 and 2012 Climate Change Risk Assessment for the Australian Indian Ocean Territories*.

This issue is also identified in the *SoCI 2015 Local Planning Strategy* that specifically stipulates: "Develop a long term residential transition plan (20-30 years) for the Kampong towards safer existing and new urban areas"

#### **Need to be prepared**

This dialogue between the Shire and the Kampong community aim at identification or reserved areas in advance of any catastrophic event, which will provide the Kampong residents with agreed options and pathways to assist and timely protect the socio-economic interests of the Kampong residents.

#### **Commonwealth responsibility**

The Commonwealth is currently preparing a 30 years land use plan as part of the *Christmas Island Strategic Assessment (CISA)* dealing with environmental constraints and ultimately the opening-up of new Crown Land area for development. As part of this process the Shire wants to ensure that the Kampong residents will ultimately be provided with suitable choices in location and housing types in agreed reserved areas should a future relocation be necessary.

#### **Shire responsibility**

Finally, the Shire is reviewing its Local Planning Strategy which, when endorsed, will identify agreed reserved residential areas for Kampong residents.

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### DIALOG RISIKO PANTAI KAMPONG

#### Resolusi Majlis

Shire of Pulau Krismas memutuskan pada Mesyuarat Majlis Biasa pada 22 September 2020 untuk memulakan dialog rasmi dengan penduduk Kampong untuk meneroka pendekatan perencanaan secara bekerjasama dan sosial sebagai tindak balas terhadap ancaman kajatuhan batu yang sedang berlaku dan risiko pesisir yang diakui mempengaruhi perumahan dan kemudahan Kampong yang semakin tua.

#### Risiko Pantai yang mempengaruhi Kampong

Bahaya pantai seperti hakisan pantai dan genangan yang berkaitan dengan lonjakan ribut dan kejatuhan batuan yang dipicu oleh hujan lebat diakui berisiko berpotensi untuk memberi tekanan yang besar terhadap integriti bentuk dan infrastruktur Kampong dengan kesan yang diramalkan terkena penduduk.

#### Perubahan Iklim

Terdapat konsensus saintifik di Australia dan di peringkat antarabangsa bahawa kesan Perubahan Iklim seperti kebakaran belukar dan taufan meningkat dalam kekerapan, skala dan keparahan dengan kesan fizikal, ekonomi dan sosial yang besar terhadap masyarakat yang terlibat. Ini relevan di Kampong dan telah didokumentasikan dalam *Climate Change Risk Assessment for the Australian Indian Ocean Territories 2009 dan 2012*.

Masalah ini juga dikenal pasti dalam *SoCI 2015 Local Planning Strategy* yang secara khusus menetapkan: "Kembangkan rancangan peralihan kediaman jangka panjang (20-30 tahun) untuk Kampong ke arah kawasan bandar yang ada dan yang lebih selamat"

#### Perlu bersedia

Dialog antara Shire dan masyarakat Kampong ini bertujuan untuk mengenal pasti atau melindungi kawasan sebelum berlakunya sebarang peristiwa bencana, yang akan memberikan penduduk Kampong pilihan yang dipersetujui untuk membantu dan melindungi kepentingan sosio-ekonomi penduduk Kampong tepat pada masanya.

#### Tanggungjawab Shire

Akhirnya, Shire mengkaji Strategi Perancangan Tempatannya yang, apabila disahkan, akan mengenal pasti kawasan perumahan yang dipersetujui untuk penduduk Kampong.

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