

Future-Proofing Coastal Communities

Mr GEORGE question to MINISTER for ENVIRONMENT and CLIMATE CHANGE

My question comes from my constituent, Kathleen Murray, of Sandford. Residents of South Arm district have already experienced king tide flooding that is inundating homes and sections of the South Arm Highway and are piling up rows of sandbags to protect their properties from encroaching sand. Coastal risk modelling indicates that by the year 2100, in less than 75 years time, much of Lauderdale, Sanford, Clifton Beach and Cremorne, including key roads and water supply access points, will be permanently underwater. What practical plans does the government have to future proof coastal residences like Sandford to prepare for climate change and rising sea levels?