

Funds to fight climate threat

BURDEKIN Shire Council has received \$44,633 to prepare its coastal communities for the impact of climate change.

The money has come from the State Government and will help the council prepare a coastal hazard adaptation strategy, identify risks and develop management options.

Environment and Science Minister Leeanne Enoch said storm tide inundation triggered by cyclones was a significant threat that would increase with rising sea levels.

She said the Burdekin region had natural coastal assets that needed to be protected.

"The local government area boasts a number of small settlements on the coast including Jerona, Alva Beach, Groper Creek, and Wunjunga," Ms Enoch said.

"It also includes coastal rural residential communities such as Rita Island."