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Foreshore Development

What is a foreshore?

A foreshore is an area of land adjacent to the sea, stream, river or estuary.

What are some examples of foreshore development?

These are examples;

- Infrastructure development for recreational, residential and commercial purposes;
- Excavation and dredging;
- Boat ramps, jetty and wharf infrastructure.

What is the environmental impact of foreshore development?

- Loss of natural habitats;
- Change to the natural environment;
- Sand or soil erosion;
- Loss of marine ecosystems;
- Increase of waste;
- Pollution in our lagoon.

How can I ensure foreshore development does not impact the environment?

All types of foreshore developments is required by law to go through a vetting process by NES to ensure the environment is protected.

Eg: Technical and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA.)

What happens when I do not meet the requirements regarding foreshore development?

Any foreshore developments that do not meet the required evironmental process is an offence with potenttial penalties imposed.

Who can I contact for further assistance for foreshore development?

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