

Seaham Erosion Management

Project update - November 2024



Hunter Water is working to stabilise eroding river banks on the Williams River, between Seaham and Clarence Town, to help prevent further erosion and improve water quality.

In September 2024 our contractor, NSW Soil Conservation Service, started work to stabilise river banks in this area, funded by Hunter Water and the NSW Government. The work will help improve the long-term resilience of the weir pool's banks ensuring everyone can enjoy the waterway in a sustainable and responsible manner.

Progress update

The first package of stabilisation work is progressing well. Log structures are being installed in the river to help prevent river bank erosion, with weed management, and installation of stock management fencing underway and continuing into the new year. A range of native plants are being ordered for bank revegetation, with planting expected to start from early 2025.

Around 50% of the funding available for the remediation program has been allocated to this first package of work. Signing up early is the best way to ensure participation in the remediation program.



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What can I expect during construction?

Temporary boating restrictions will be in place on the Williams River while work takes place to help ensure the work zone is safe.

Please use caution and follow the direction of signs, markers and buoys.

All access to private properties to complete the work will be in consultation with the landowner.

How will river banks be stabilised?

Along severely eroded stretches, work involves using a combination of engineered structures (log and/or rock), bank revegetation, weed removal and stock management fencing to stabilise the river bank.

Stretches with less severe erosion will require revegetation on the riverbanks, weed removal and stock management fencing.

Where river banks are currently showing little erosion with good vegetation, no works are proposed at this stage.

Is it too late to take part in the program?

No, it's not too late. To find out more about potential works at your property and express your interest in taking part in the next package of remediation work, please get in touch.

Did you know ...

Many of the logs used for the Seaham Erosion Management program have been sourced from the nearby M1 Pacific Motorway extension to Raymond Terrace project, with thanks to Transport for NSW and their construction partners, John Holland Gamuda and Seymour Whyte.

Not only does this reuse help minimise the amount of timber going to mulch, firewood and waste, but using native logs in-river will help create habitat for aquatic species, sunbaking spots for reptiles, trap debris from floods, and provide shade to regulate water temperature.

