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# Darwin City Council

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## Development & Rising Sea Levels

Last night Darwin City Council Aldermen raised concerns that low lying developments do not consider climate change as an issue.

At last night's Council meeting two developments in particular came into question. The proposed Francis Bay Marina and Waratah Crescent Retirement Village. Both developments are in surge zones. Council believes predicted significant rises in sea levels by 2050 should be considered in all coastal developments.

Lord Mayor, Graeme Sawyer speaking on ABC Radio from Canberra today echoed the concerns raised at last night's meeting "... there is some serious concerns about the... consideration of climate change issues when you go into building something that's going to be there for the next fifty years... he said.

Mr Sawyer is attending a Capital City climate change forum with the Australian Government. They will be discussing the climate change issues that face Australia's Capital Cities in the next 50 years. In Victoria all new developments in tidal areas must factor in a possible 1.5 m increased in sea levels. Currently in Darwin no such considerations are in place.