

Community Update

April 2018

The *Governance of the Great Ocean Road Regional Issues Paper* has been released to promote discussion and seek feedback on opportunities to improve the management of the Great Ocean Road Region. It identifies that the current planning and management arrangements for oversight of the Great Ocean Road are overly complex and fragmented with a multitude of responsible public entities and no overarching, coordinated planning and delivery, no community forum for people to voice their concerns between planning proposals, and too much duplication and inefficiency in the allocation of funding and resources. A new management model is proposed.

Did you know that more people visit the Great Ocean Road than the Great Barrier Reef and Uluru combined?

Tourism is very important for our local economy - in the year ending June 2017 visitor expenditure in the region was \$1.3 billion supporting 9,200 jobs. More work needs to be done, however, to address the impacts on local communities and increase the local benefits from tourists (such as increased visitor expenditure and job creation). A new management model will bring a coordinated approach and focus to this challenge.

We are interested in your views

We are particularly interested in the views of those who live and work in the diverse communities along the Great Ocean Road – so that we can take into account your local experience and local knowledge.

You are invited to join the conversation by visiting the website (www.engage.vic.gov.au/great-ocean-road), to download a copy of the Issues Paper, complete a survey /or make a submission. **Submissions close 30 April 2018.**

Public information sessions

You can also hear more about the project and have your say in person at one of these locations.

Location	Date	Time	Address
Anglesea Riverbank Market	Sunday 1 April 2018	10:00 AM – 12:30 PM	Great Ocean Road Anglesea
Port Campbell Surf Life Saving Club	Friday 13 April 2018	04:00 PM – 06:00 PM	Cairns Street Port Campbell
Port Fairy Community Market	Saturday 14 April 2018	09:00 AM – 11:30 AM	Railway Place Port Fairy
Warrnambool Lighthouse Theatre	Saturday 14 April 2018	01:30 PM – 03:30 PM	185 Timor St Warrnambool
Melbourne	Monday 16 April 2018	04:30 PM – 06:30 PM	Foyer, 8 Nicholson Street East Melbourne
Apollo Bay Mechanics Institute	Tuesday 17 April 2018	04:00 PM – 06:00 PM	21 Great Ocean Road Apollo Bay
Torquay - Australian National Surfing Museum	Thursday 19 April 2018	04:00 PM – 06:00 PM	77 Beach Road Torquay
Wye River Community Meeting	Saturday 21 April 2018	11:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Wye River Surf Lifesaving Club, 35 Great Ocean Road Wye River
Lorne Community House	Saturday 21 April 2018	04:00 PM – 06:00 PM	16 Mountjoy Parade Lorne

To find out more, contact Information Victoria on 1300 366 356 or visit the project website:
<https://www.planning.vic.gov.au/policy-and-strategy/great-ocean-road-taskforce>

Written submissions can also be made

Email a written submission to greatoceanroad.taskforce@delwp.vic.gov.au

Post a written submission to:

Great Ocean Road Taskforce Project Manager
Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, Barwon South West
Level 4, State Government Offices
30-38 Lt Malop Street, Geelong, Victoria 3220

Great Ocean Road Taskforce Membership

In September 2017, the Victorian Government announced the membership of an independently chaired Great Ocean Road Taskforce to review the effectiveness of current governance arrangements and to make recommendations to strengthen protection of the landscape setting, improve the visitor experience, provide greater certainty in land-use planning and attract investment proposals that will benefit tourists and local communities. The membership comprises:

- Co-Chairs
 - Hon Peter Batchelor, Victorian Minister for Transport from 1999 to 2006
 - Hon Terry Mulder, Victorian Minister for Public Transport and Minister for Roads from 2010 to 2014
- Eastern Maar Aboriginal Corporation
 - Mr Jamie Lowe, CEO and Mr Jason Mifsud, Chair
- Wadawurrung
 - Ms Corrina Eccles, Manager Geelong Office and Mr Paul Davis, General Manager
- Members with expertise and experience in tourism and coastal management
 - Ms Diane James, AM, former Chair of the Victorian Coastal Council for over a decade
 - Ms Elaine Carbines, Chief Executive Officer of G21 – The Geelong Region Alliance
 - Mr Wayne Kayler-Thomson, Chair of the Great Ocean Road, Regional Tourism Board
- Chief Executive Officers of the five Local Government Authorities along the Great Ocean Road
 - Surf Coast Shire: Mr Keith Baillie
 - Colac Otway Shire: Mr Robert Dobrzynski/Mr Tony McGann
 - Corangamite Shire: Mr Andrew Mason
 - Warrnambool City Council: Mr Bruce Anson
 - Moyne Shire Council: Mr David Madden

Current governance arrangements - institutions

The following public entities have responsibilities in the oversight and management of the Great Ocean Road region

Strategic and policy responsibilities	Regulatory responsibilities	Operational responsibilities
Australian Department of Environment and Energy	Australian Department of Environment and Energy	Barwon Water
Regional Development Victoria	Environment Protection Authority	Colac Otway Shire
Tourism Australia	Victoria	Corangamite Catchment Management Authority
Transport for Victoria	Heritage Victoria	Corangamite Shire
Victorian Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources	Southern Rural Water	Dpt. of Environment, Land, Water & Planning
Victorian Department of Environment, Land, Water & Planning	Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council	Glenelg-Hopkins Catchment Management Authority
Visit Victoria	Registered Aboriginal Parties	Great Ocean Road Coast Committee
	Eastern Maar	Moyne Shire
	Wadawurrung	Otway Coastal Committee
		Parks Victoria
		Surf Coast Shire
		VicRoads
		Wannon Water
		Warrnambool City Council