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1. What is your interest in the Great Ocean Road Region?

Secondary residence

2. Are you completing this survey on behalf of an organisation?

No

3. How many times did you travel along the Great Ocean Road (any section between Torquay and Allansford) in the last 6 months?

5 - 10 times

4. What do you love most about the Great Ocean Road and its landscapes?

I love the wilderness, the sense of escape from the city, the beaches, the forest, wildlife. I love the fact that there are way fewer people than in my city neighbourhood and that there's a sense of open space and tranquility ... except for a few weeks in summer when it's full on. I love the sand between my toes and no shopping for as long as I'm there ... except at the Wye Store and the pub from time to time.

5. What aspect of the Great Ocean Road and its landscapes would you most like to see protected?

I'd like to see housing and developments kept in township boundaries ... I notice that on the way to Lorne there are increasing numbers of houses that are way outside the towns. If this continues then more bushland will be lost. The scale of developments in towns should also not put pressure on the environment through increasing tourist numbers and increasing the visual impact on the natural environment. The beaches will need protection and maintenance as sea levels rise and through storm surges. I'd like to see better traffic management especially during peak times too. It might be worth exploring improvements in public transport between the towns during peak summer periods so people could visit Lorne or Apollo Bay and return again without needing to drive.

6. What aspect of the Great Ocean Road and its landscapes would you most like to see changed?

I'd like to see more disability access on small paths and walks [REDACTED] [REDACTED] The walk could so easily have been accessible with small ramps on and off the boardwalk and a small curb cut from the store to the play area instead of a step. This kind of consideration should happen everywhere especially where things are relatively flat. Also access ramps across the sand which are being rolled out around Australia would be great in towns where beach access is easy such as Lorne, Wye river, Apollo Bay, Kennett River and many others. More accessible walks would be such a welcome addition with minimal impact on the natural environment. Other environmental initiatives such as minimising the use of plastic would also enhance the area's environmental reputation.

7. Do you work for, own or operate a business, or are you a member of a community organisation, that benefits from visitors to the Great Ocean Road Region?

No

8. Is there any critical issue or opportunity that we have missed (in chapter 3 of the Issues Paper)?

Disability access should be included and promoted in everything that is developed, repaired, instigated. Naturally there are some very hilly areas that are not accessible but those that could be accessible should be.

9. Do you have any suggested changes to the overarching policy, goals and principles (pages 40 - 41) in the Issues Paper?

10. What elements would you like to see covered in a Strategic Framework Plan for the Great Ocean Road Region?

I think ongoing inspection and maintenance of the road needs to be a priority as many areas of it have already been washed away underneath the road due presumably to storm surges. This is visible in places between Wye River and Kennett River so it must also be happening in other places too and if left unattended the road will collapse in places.

11. What are your thoughts about establishing a new organisation to oversee the development, and coordinate implementation, of a Strategic Framework Plan for the Great Ocean Road Region?

I think this could be a good idea if it is well managed. The GOR is such a valuable asset that it needs to be managed well.

12. What current constraints need to be addressed in the future governance arrangements?

[REDACTED]

13. Are there any other management models /options we should consider?

14. What key criteria should the Taskforce use to evaluate the management model options?

What is your age range?

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