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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?

Most weekends

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

The physical beauty of the landscape and it's pristine nature in the national parks. I love that Port Campbell is remote and under developed.

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

The national parks, the marine environment and the small townships along the road like Princetown, Port Campbell and Peterborough.

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

"More management and patrolling of the scenic stop offs. There are currently too many stupid tourists taking stupid risks on the cliffs trying to get the perfect selfie. Safety signs are currently only in English. More languages should be represented. Single use plastic should be banned in the small towns near the 12 Apostles, and rubbish collected more regularly from public bins in Port Campbell especially. Smoking should be banned in public places along that coast between Princetown and Peterborough. Tourists are just dropping their butts all over the place. Tourists operators should make it clear to visitors not to leave any waste behind, including butts. The historical society in Port Campbell should be funded better to preserve the cultural artefacts there. It's currently a shambles and with more thought and money it has the potential to become a very special tourist experience . There should also be more historical markers acknowledging the tragic consequences of colonialism on the local indigenous people. It's important that people learn the indigenous history of the area.

It's astounding that despite Port Campbell's proximity to a major gas facility it has no gas pipeline connected. And that Port Campbell has to take all the sewerage from the new tourist development near Princetown, yet residents still pay a thousand dollars a year in sewerage fees compared to 260 a year in Melbourne. It seems as though the residents of port campbell are paying for tourists to go to the toilet, and being left with the smell."

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)?

no.

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

no - great overarching policies.

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

Impacts of climate change, impacts of increased tourism, and impact of more city folk buying investment properties in the area. The area has to remain affordable for the children and grandchildren of the people who live there.

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?

A great idea as long as it's not just money down the drain and/or into the pockets of overpaid public servants who pay lip service to the concerns of residents. Accountability processes need to be transparent. Community representatives need to be involved.

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

You tell us what you think the constraints are, and we'll tell you whether we think they need to be addressed.

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

Not my area of expertise.

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

That the area retains its environmental integrity and that the future impacts of climate change are taken seriously.

What is your age range?

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