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

Primary 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?

2 - 4 times

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

The landscapes, beaches, forests and destinations

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

All of it, especially the National Parks and Coastal Reserves.

Visitor and vehicle numbers must be controlled and restricted, especially in environmentally sensitive areas.

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

This question is unclear. However, the environment must be protected from over exploitation and excessive visitation - the economy cannot be the driver.

The coastline must be recognised for its cultural, ecological and environmental values and be protected from invasive commercial activities.

An example is Belfast Coastal Reserve (BCR) which has been invaded by commercial horse training to the detriment of the environment, community well-being and tourism. BCR requires protection from such activities by upgrading its Reserve status to Coastal Park.

There are other Reserves along the Great Ocean Road that require similar protection from commercial exploitation.

Helicopters must be restricted - they are incredibly invasive from a visitor point-of-view in such beautiful and internationally acclaimed natural areas.

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)?

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The environment of the Great Ocean Road is the jewel on which all the commercial tourism relies. Therefore, the environment must be the priority to protect and enhance its integrity so that a sustainable tourism industry can survive. Tourism and the economy is dependent on the integrity of the landscapes and their eco-systems being protected and sustainable.

This needs to drive the governance framework - it cannot be driven by commercial interests if the Great Ocean Road values are to be sustained into the future.

There needs to be efficiency and consistency of public land management and statutory planning - a single body with powers and responsibility and governance over the planning, financing and implementation for the Great Ocean Road precinct.

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

I support the policy direction as stated on pages 40-41

However, it needs to include the whole of the study area without exception from Torquay to Port Fairy including Belfast Coastal Reserve, to protect all areas from intrusive and environmentally destructive commercial activities.

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

As above

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?

As previously stated, I agree with the intent of the Issues Paper.

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

It needs to be transparent, non-political and non commercial.

The charter needs to be clear and well defined and be focussed on the goals, objectives and principles as detailed in figure 5 on page 41 of the Issues Paper.

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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