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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?

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?

The vista, the surf, the small coastal towns, the wildlife and natural environment.

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

Personally I believe that there is too much development focused on Torquay/Jan Juc and Bells Beach. Overdevelopment of these areas is leading to significant negative impacts from an environmental, community and cultural perspective. Our beaches are under threat from litter and pollution, views are being destroyed by overdevelopment and inappropriate development (RACV Torquay). Our native wildlife is under threat from development (dozens of roos killed in Torquay during recent easter holiday period). Torquay is losing its coastal character to big scale development more fitting of Melbourne than the Surf Coast. Habitat is being lost and polluted.

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

Torquay must be removed as a growth node from the State Planning Scheme and all future growth directed to Armstrong Creek which provides the most appropriate growth option from a strategic regional perspective. There needs to be an immediate study into the impact of development on the coast in Torquay/Jan Juc as promised by the Surf Coast Shire in 2009.

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)?

There is no community representation on the Great Ocean Road Taskforce. No representation from anyone with strong community, environmental or cultural links. This suggests that the taskforce is not properly 'equipped' to make informed decisions about the Great Ocean Road and its impact on communities along the GOR.

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?

Remove Torquay/Jan Juc as a growth node from the State Planning Scheme. Recommend permanent town boundaries for Torquay/Jan Juc in line with community expectations. Conduct a study into impacts of development on the community, environment, economy and culture in Torquay/Jan Juc.

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?

Must have community and environmental representation.

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

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?

Community awareness, understanding and acceptance. There needs to be a study into impact of growth and tourism in Torquay AND along the Great Ocean Road. This needs to measure the impact of growth on the coastal communities, environment, economy and culture.

What is your age range?

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