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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?

Most days

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

The wildness of the landscape. The lack of human intervention on vast sections of the coast. the wildlife. The clean air. The abundance of birdlife. The natural rather than human sounds. The sound of the huge surf rolling in.

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

The estuaries and the cliffed areas. The estuaries because so many birds and animals depend on them.

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

"Removal of camping grounds that impact the shore line . Or at least limiting the number of people who camp to a number that is reasonable considering the delicate nature of the coast. Remember that the shore line is not private property.

Light pollution Reduction in light pollution in all coastal towns. Many of our native animals are nocturnal and the intrusion of light pollution on their habitats creates stress in their already threatened environments.

Dogs. Banning dogs off leash pretty much everywhere . Limiting dog walking areas to streets rather than on the beaches. I have watched two dogs nearly rip the back of a koala to shreds.

In areas that have a minimal fence policy, Dogs not permitted on the property unless it is fenced.

Air traffic. If our coast was to experience a 10 fold increase in the number of tourists visiting it then there would doubtless be a 10 fold increase in helicopter and light plane joy flights. The air traffic at low altitude disturbs the bird life immensely and is disturbing to humans who reside here for peace and quiet."

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?

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

Light Pollution

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

No. I think they are great.

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

Environmental management that has a coordinated and logical effect.

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?

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

development needs to be limited. There needs to be a rational for the number of vehicles that can travel the GOR and the impact of human development on the flora and fauna of the area.

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

Yes. Why not have a train that runs along the coast. There would be less impact on the environment and it would be a very pleasurable tourist attraction. Pontoon style roads might be an option as the sea level rises. Say between Apollo Bay and Marengo.

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

Impacts on the environment to be reduced with a view to sustaining and improving the biomass and biodiversity of the GOR. Remaining adaptable as conditions change due to climate change.

What is your age range?

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