

**Respondent No: 69**

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

Primary residence

Local business owner/operator

Regular visitor

Recreation

Attend/participate in an event

**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 weeks

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

Ocean views and vibrant small coastal communities.

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

The GOR amenity, vibrant small communities and public open space (but not to be taken as limiting the provision of sensitively designed and well sited coastal infrastructure needed for community connectivity, safety and economic development)

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

More opportunities for community and visitors to slowly partake of GOR's natural beauty, flora, fauna, indigenous heritage and ocean life (e.g. walking trails, roadside parking, view points, safe biking, interpretive signs, ...)

**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?**

Yes - Otway Coast Committee benefits only from visitor camping in campgrounds under its control. Its income is declining due to rundown of its campground assets and completion from private accommodation providers.

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

Yes - Otway Coast Committee manages 98% of the community open space available to GOR communities between Wye River and Marengo. But it lacks the mandate, accountability and resourcing to adequately plan for and provide the community connectivity, health and welfare, active transport and visitor infrastructure services now expected by GOR communities and visitors. Colac Otway Shire is so mandated, but not accountable for coastal public land and provides little in the way of assistance to the Otway Coast Committee. The Committee's greatly constrained resourcing has resulted in continually deferred maintenance and rundown of crucial community and visitor infrastructures such as toilets, trails, and even its campgrounds which are its primary source of income.

Examples: OCC has been forced to remove a toilet facility due to erosion, but is unable to replace this facility; its main toilet facility is frequently closed for unplanned maintenance; it received state funding in 2010 to progress a trail but was unable to progress this or get this onto regional agendas until the community stepped in 2016; its Coastal Management Plan needs updating but it does not have the resources needed to consult with the community and tourists and to prepare and implement a new Plan.

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

Please add Health and Wellbeing of GOR Communities, including a high level of community consultation in decision making.

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

A more clear mandate and adequate resourcing of GOR organisations to provide community and visitor services. Rationalisation of organisational roles will likely provide more effective and efficient use of human and financial resources, but not to exclude community participation in decision making.

**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?**

An umbrella Strategic Framework Planning without follow-on resourcing, organisational rationalisation or community participation and accountability will drain resources and is unlikely to alter the status quo.

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

The fragmented mandates and constrained resourcing of organisations to adequately service the health and wellbeing of smaller GOR communities and visitors. The inherent inefficiencies in small poorly resourced organisations. The limited community involvement in coastal land decision making.

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

Any option that provides for integrated planning along the coast (especially for closely linked communities eg Wye River - Separation Creek, and Apollo Bay - Marengo - Skenes Ck), and between Councils and foreshore managers.

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

1. Integrated planning of townships, hinterland and foreshores.
2. Recognition of GOR community and visitor health and wellbeing needs.
3. Efficiency in utilisation of resources.
4. Likelihood of accessing additional resources.

**What is your age range?**

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