



Peterborough Residents Group Submissions

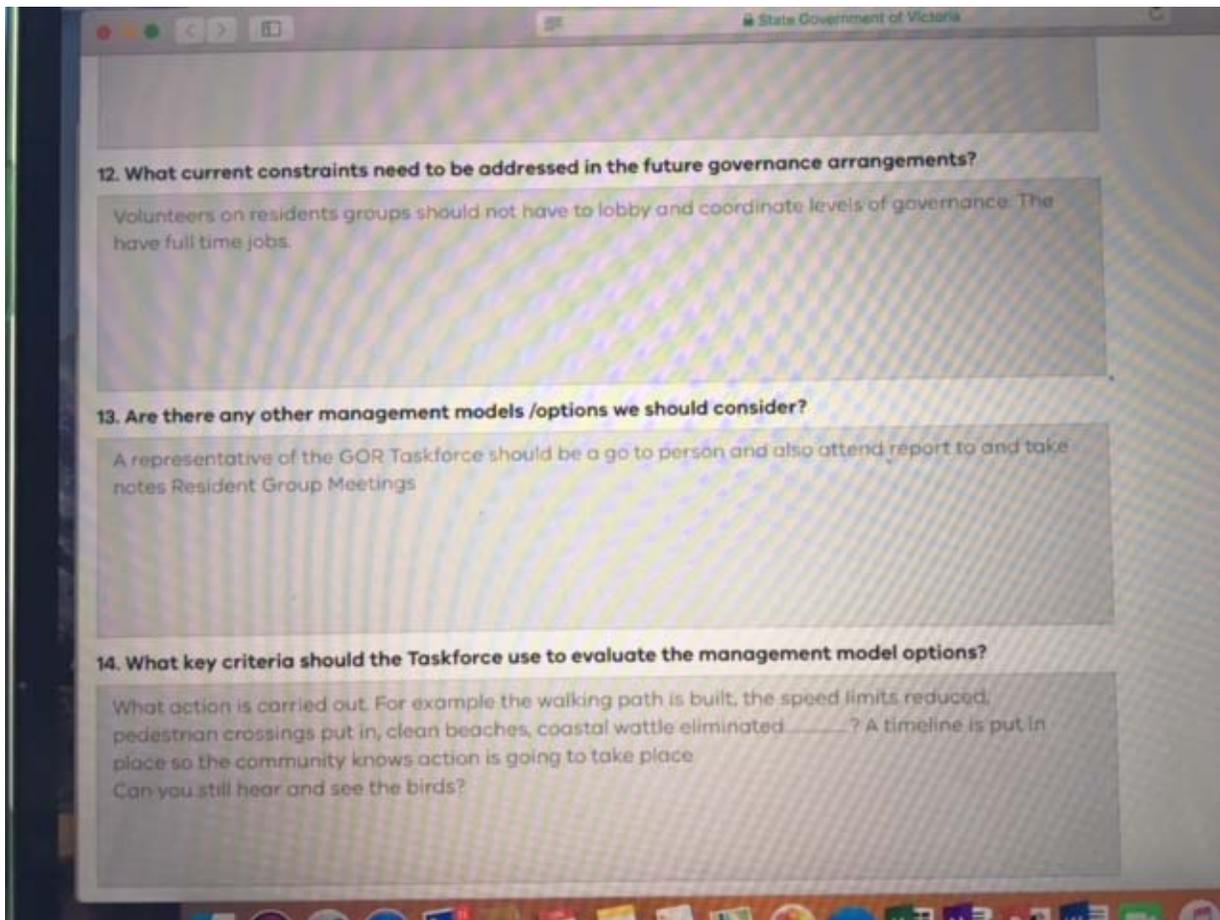
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PRG Secretary



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

Road traffic management in residential areas need assessing and action taken.
Walking paths for residential and visitor safety and recreation need to be planned for the whole town and implemented without unnecessary delay. We have been putting in submissions since 2012 for a walking path on the Old Peterborough Road

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?

If action is taken to address our communities (local and visitors) needs and concerns it would be beneficial

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

Volunteers on residents groups should not have to lobby and coordinate levels of governance. They have full time jobs.

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

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?

If you answered yes, please describe the key issues for the business or organisation

Yes. All of the above. The community of Peterborough are passionate about the direction taken to ensure our town progresses in a manner fitting with the quiet slow pace of life and its raw natural beauty.

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

Communication with and through resident groups is vital. Feedback is paramount

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

For further discussion. Attendance at resident group meetings are necessary.

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

The raw natural beauty and slow pace of life. Specific need discussion

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

The raw natural beauty and slow pace of life. In detail

- diversity of the native flora and fauna
- stay and improve on the walking town unspoken current status
- cleanliness of walking tracks and beaches
- low noise level/quiet ambience - need to hear the birds not helicopters and large vehicles (Rules are regularly broken)
- river bank needs board walk for protection, safety and spread visitor numbers

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

The management of the increase in the the amount of traffic, speed and all safety aspects.

(Please refer to previous correspondence under separate cover)

Control of the invasion of Coastal Wattle

Creation of essential footpaths and safe pedestrian crossings

Rubbish management and public toilet cleaning

Sufficient space for and installation and maintenance of recreation facilities fitting in with the local environment

7. Do you work for, own or operate a business, or are you a member of a community organisation, that

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

- Primary residence
- Secondary residence
- Local business owner/operator
- Employment
- Volunteer (emergency or community services)
- Regular visitor
- Recreation
- Attend/participate in an event
- Tourist
- Other (please specify)

Planning for our Peterborough Community - Locals and visitors

2. Are you completing this survey on behalf of an organisation?

If you respond yes, please specify the name of your organisation

Yes - Peterborough Residents Group Inc

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3. How many times did you travel along the Great Ocean Road (any section between Torquay and

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Great Ocean Road Taskforce - Port Campbell Open House

██████████ – summary of discussion points

Road safety

Road safety is a major issue. Impact of tourist buses on local community e.g. Safety of children , elderly – everyone crossing the road.

Measures needed to improve safety include:

- Decrease speed limit on Great Ocean Road to 50km/hour
- Install rumble strips before the bridge and before the Bay of Martyrs
- Pedestrian crossings with island refuges
- Walking path needed down Old Peterborough Road

Google maps directing traffic down Old Peterborough Road (shortest route but not appropriate for buses/traffic load)

Visitor management

- Need management of parking increasing cars, mobile homes and buses.
- Noticeable increase in Airbnb's has meant that walking tracks and recreation facilities are lacking
- Need user pays system. Parks and Council are not getting rates to deal with maintenance of environment and increased need for recreation infrastructure and maintenance due to incoming tourists.

Facilities management / maintenance

- Toilet cleaning and rubbish maintenance a huge issue, as are dogs and litter bags.

Infrastructure

- Boardwalk along the river as suggested by Shipwreck Coast Masterplan a high priority, as is the connection of walks.
- Designated toilet facilities needed for buses outside of Peterborough
- Open areas and accessible sporting infrastructure needed for local kids and visitors

Environment

- Don't destroy the asset that makes this location special.
- Weed infestation and impact upon native vegetation is a major issue e.g. Coastal wattle.
- Need more park rangers in the parks actively managing the natural environment not people

Emergency management

- Emergency management and how towns/communities deal with this e.g. Peterborough had influx of 400 people on the night of the fires – lack of facilities and processes in place to deal with this.

Cultural heritage

- Lack of cultural heritage interpretation, Beginning with our indigenous history.

- Need local and regional museum facilities. Opportunities to promote both local and regional cultural heritage.
- Museums need to have entry price for visitors and be curated by paid professionals working with local history groups under the guidance of Museum Australia Victoria so they are coordinated and of world standard.

Future Governance / Management

- Single point of contact with governing body needed for residents/community (who is in regular contact with residents e.g. Attends community meetings)
- Over-regulation prevents tourism operators from providing services that could benefit the local economy, such as hiring of kayaks on the river at Peterborough (Insurance costs too high).

Other

- No police presence in Peterborough.
- Don't use jargon in planning documents.
- Local communities would like feedback about their input, and why/why not it has been taken on board.
- A time line for when infrastructure and plans will be funded and put in place

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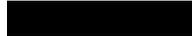
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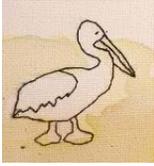
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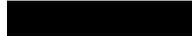
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Director of Physical Services

The Peterborough Residents Group Committee is requesting that a process be put in place in 2018 to make changes to the residential speed limits to address urgent safety issues.

The safety of young and old pedestrians on the residential streets in the Peterborough township has long been an issue. Over the years various speed limits have been put forward. At the January 28th Capital Works Community Meeting the community was forthright on their concerns and in consensus, fully supporting of reduction of speeds across town. The feedback after this meeting has been to ask committee members when this is happening. The community is not prepared to wait for a fatality to support this.

The rapid increase in the number of permanent residents, semi-permanent residents renting, using the likes of Airbnb and self-driving visitors has led to a much greater safety concern.

Minutes Wednesday 7th March 2018

- 40 km signs are placed on residential streets/roads where the signage is currently more than this.
- Signage to indicate that the road is shared with pedestrians and there is a need to slow down where applicable, i.e. Halladale Street

This request is not contingent on other capital works projects being requested as was suggested in a previous response to the Peterborough Residents Group.

The Peterborough Community would appreciate a timely outcome on this matter. Committee members are available to work through this. Your attendance at our meetings is welcome and appreciated.

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