

Respondent No: 75

Submitted Date: 2018-05-01 09:59:15

Member Username: [REDACTED]

Member Postcode: 3243

Member Email: [REDACTED]

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

Primary residence

Local business owner/operator

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

[REDACTED]

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?

Natural beauty, community, seascape with adjacent hinterland for tourists and locals to explore.

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

Natural environment. Maintain fishing village atmosphere in coastal towns (where now possible) and emphasise highlights of hinterland villages. Support interconnectedness of these villages and develop travel options for tourists right through to S.A. from outer Geelong. Work to reduce/remove separate local Authority silo's of control and make mangement more consistent from geelong to the S.A border.

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

Don't allow developer approach to coastal or hinterland detowns - need to maintain character of the areas - Tourists and overseas visitors like the warts of history, not the shiny new approach.

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, member of GORRT and member of Otway Harvest Trail.

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

Fine to develop a forward strategy, but the objectives must relate to protection of the natural assets, so e.g. one outcome could be to remove visitor carparking from immediately adjacent to the 12 Apostles, while enabling easy visitor access by other means. Food tourism is not addressed - why can we not get fresh seafood at any Port along the GOR? In any other state in Australia this is possible.

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

No - so high level you can't disagree. but the directions are valid. The test will be in actions on the ground

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

Document is well developed - my only addition is re seafood - the requirement for all sea catch to be frozen and sent to a central melbourne market removes a huge drawcard for locals and tourists alike to visit the area.

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?

Positive, but must be revenue neutral. Tourism body charges are already signifocant for the many small businesses that are the backbone of tourism services in and along the GOR and Hinterland.

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

Local government development bureaucracy and lack of expertise can be significant impediments to progress. More efficiency with better business knowledge and reduction in time for approvals (or not) should be emphasised in conjunction with this strategy.

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

Can't think of any that would be better

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

No.1 highlight, maintain and improve where possible the natural environment in the region. Control built environment to harmonise and complement natural and historical features.

What is your age range?

[REDACTED]

Please provide your country of residence if you are not an Australian resident

I agree to the privacy statement

yes