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

Primary residence

Local business owner/operator

Employment

Tourist

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?

Most days

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

When it's open and functioning as a local road

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

Rubbish bins, Information signs, Ballustrades, Infrastructure and general road surface.

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

Removal of potholes, cracks, debris from falling rocks, mudslides and personal litter. Introduction of a toll to provide steady income stream enabling up-to-date repairs rather waiting on ad-hoc funding.

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?

[REDACTED]

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

No more road closures for private events like bike rides and marathons. The road is too important to be closed in any length or for any time.

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

A fee structure should be introduced to fund the up to date maintenance of the road that like the Sydney Harbour Bridge requires constant repairs, mitigation and upgrades to make up for years of neglect and poor standard of repairs. I suspect the inadequate funding model is largely to blame for the low standard of repairs and lack of preventative measures leading up to the recent fires and soil erosion responsible for the general decay in the road from start to finish.

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

Funding Model introduced to extract fees from Tourism Bus operators, hire vehicles, commercial vehicles and day-trippers.

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 engineering based control centre to prioritise and authorise compulsory cooperation amongst all bodies which are currently under the existing management structure. The present catchup approach to urgently required repairs, maintenance and upgrades should be continued unabated until the integrity of the road is restored and secured for the increase in traffic which is exponential.

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

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

A ministerial department created with absolute authority and responsibility for the Great Ocean Road similar to the alpine National Parks with the Great Alpine Way. Tasmania also has a model of management in their parks and tourism districts which limits numbers entering the district and extracts fees for the purpose of maintaining their various precincts like Cradle Mountain for the future not just the present demand.

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

Minimised decision making process and overriding authority with powers to sideline Stakeholders who don't cooperated for the good of the Road.

What is your age range?

[REDACTED]

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Australia

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