

Great Ocean Road Action Plan Progress Update

The following table provides a brief update on the 18 actions outlined in the Victorian Government's Great Ocean Road Action Plan (as at 30 June 2020). To read the Action Plan in full, please visit:

www.planning.vic.gov.au/policy-and-strategy/great-ocean-road-action-plan



Legislation for Protection	Action 1	Legislate the policy	<i>Great Ocean Road Coast and Parks Environs Bill 2019</i> passed by Parliament in June 2020. This is the first of two Bills to give enduring effect to the management reforms.
	Action 2	Legislate the planning framework	The <i>Great Ocean Road Coast and Parks Environs Act 2020</i> includes provisions for development of an overarching statutory planning framework.
	Action 3	Legislate the environmental economic accounts	The <i>Great Ocean Road Coast and Parks Environs Bill 2019</i> passed by Parliament in June 2020 amends the <i>Commissioner for Environmental Sustainability Act 2003</i> to require regular reporting on the condition and benefits of the environment for the Great Ocean Road Coast and Parks.
A New Dedicated Parks Authority	Action 4	A Great Ocean Road Coasts and Parks Authority	The <i>Great Ocean Road Coast and Parks Environs Act 2020</i> establishes the new Great Ocean Road Coast and Parks Authority with commencement of operations on or before 1 December 2020.
	Action 5	Work closely with local communities (establishing structures for involvement)	The views expressed in the local community consultation undertaken in Nov 2019 is informing the design of Authority community involvement structures.
	Action 6	Traditional Owner capacity	Key deliverable once the Authority is established. The Authority will have a nominee of each recognised Traditional Owner group on the Board.
	Action 7	Sustainable funding	Sustainable funding options are being developed for Government consideration based on the feedback from local communities in November last year.
A New Overarching Planning Framework	Action 8	Community Involvement (shared vision and long-term objectives)	Community involvement commenced in 2019 with consultation on aspirations for the region as inputs to the development of a vision and long-term objectives. Draft vision and objectives are being developed with the involvement of responsible entities.
	Action 9	A Great Ocean Road Strategic Framework Plan	Work has commenced on some background studies and inputs for the development of an overarching regional strategic framework plan. Further progression is subject to funding.
	Action 10	Monitor Implementation (of the SFP)	Key deliverable for the new Authority once established.
A Better Planning Approval Process	Action 11	Standing Advisory Committee	The Standing Advisory Committee has been established (refer www.planning.vic.gov.au/panels-and-committees/browse-panels-and-committees/projects/great-ocean-road-region-sac#documents)
	Action 12	Planning Guidelines	Guidelines will be developed as the strategic framework planning and is subject to funding.
	Action 13	Planning services support to Councils	Remains a key priority; progress of this work is funding dependent.
Supporting Initiatives	Action 14	Sustainable Tourism	Remains a key priority; progress of this work is funding dependent.
	Action 15	Improved road access and safety	Remains a key priority; progress of this work is funding dependent.
	Action 16	Crown land administrative arrangements	Remains a key priority; progress of this work is funding dependent.
	Action 17	Shared delivery of municipal like services	Will form part of the transition planning for the Authority.
	Action 18	Commercial tour operator licences	Surveys for tour operators and land managers complete. Results and further engagement will set the direction for policy reform.