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

Primary residence

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?

5 - 10 times

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

I love having the forest coming down to the sea. I like meeting people who also enjoy a connection with this type of environment.

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

I would like the natural environment to look natural - not sheathed in plastic-looking protection of its roadsides. Planting with indigenous vegetation could be used to stop erosion. Removing this to cover large areas with an artificial material destroys the very essence of a 'natural' environment.

NO 'Pay and Display' - too difficult to manage, and not 'user friendly.'

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

I would like to see the Great Ocean Road, used by 5 million international visitors a year, upgraded to international road standards. This will make it safer, and allow tourists to see some of the landscape they paid good money to come to see - NOT concentrate on avoiding potholes and slumps in the side of the road.

Rock-falls DO need to be prevented if possible. Returning 'work crews' to patrol the road, at least weekly, should allow them to remove hazards, and carry out routine maintenance work without having to close the whole road for long periods. Surely this will save money?

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?

No I don't own or operate a business - at the moment.

However as a community member I realize I benefit from the high number of visitors to our area by having access to shops, hotels, health care facilities and activities which would not be there if we were just a small country community of 1200 people.

I am a volunteer who helps to produce our Apollo Bay News - a local news-sheet. Some visitors probably purchase this (50c weekly!) to see what is happening locally.

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

Not critical, but I notice the road sign on page 32 - 'Drive on left in Australia'.

While watching a travel show on China last night's TV we noticed the huge white arrows on the 6-8 lane highways in Beijing. These need no interpretation, will be seen by anyone behind the wheel of a vehicle, and can be easily replaced if removed by constant traffic.

They do not hinder the magnificent views from the Great Ocean Road, which the plague of yellow arrows do!

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

Under the heading: Coastal public estate vitality

- actively discourage the continued use of coastal public space for buildings and car-parks which are not relevant to coastal activities

- commence planting low-growing indigenous species all along the Great Ocean Roads coast to mitigate the effects of climate change already taking place in the form of coastal erosion of large areas.

- investigate and immediately commence to relocate sections of the G.O.R. at risk from climate change, e.g. Skenes Creek to Apollo Bay, and Apollo Bay to Marengo.

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

Emphasise the importance and historical significance of the Great Ocean Road area to our Traditional Owners.

Cover costs incurred in Great Ocean Road Region via a surcharge on Visas, e.g. \$10 per visa x 5,000,000 visitors = \$50,000,000 to manage tourism areas in Australia. %age visitation = %age allocation of funds.

Is this too simple? A minimal amount of bookwork/workers/\$ for funding required to make our visitors stay better. Having to pay out every time you stop to look at the view can be very annoying.

Use indigenous plantings to screen car parking areas, to improve the scenic experience for our visitors.

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?

How much will this cost? Perhaps a new body is required but this will mean less money for essentials, i.e. road upgrade and maintenance, signage and facilities.

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

Planning needs to consider ALL constraints - high rainfalls, slip-prone hillsides, etc.

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

A Great Ocean Road Coastal County?

I. E. 'Bite the Bullet' and do away with Local and State governments nationally, as they exist. Introduce 'counties' or smaller states incorporating areas of similar interest.

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

Simplicity of understanding the management options decided upon - by ALL.

What is your age range?



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