



Feedback on Gippsland Regional Coastal Plan

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Hi there, just a couple of comments

The Plan at a Glance on Page 2. The summary states that the key state-wide coastal issue includes adapting to a changing climate, but I feel that is not given the recognition it deserves as the key Regional Coastal issue (it is mentioned as a 'changing climate' in under chapter 3. Considering that the plan on page III of the executive summary highlights and acknowledges the particular vulnerability of the coast to erosion, it is an environment susceptible to the effects of climate change esp extreme weather events. If land managers are to take the issue of adapting to climate change seriously in their respective coastal management plans, then I feel that they need to have leadership on the issue at this regional plan level I also note that in the diagram on page 9 under the various bodies (planners and managers) that have a role in coastal planning, only Local government have an explicit role in climate change strategies (Hazard Assessments and adaptation plans) but only manage a small fraction of the Gippsland Coastal area. This potentially is something that needs to be considered in the future. I also if the regional plan needs to consider on articulating the need for planning under best case/worst case scenario of sea level rise

Community Coastal Values P9. Under economic I would suggest it includes renewable energy generation be included. (This is only relevant is Bass Coast LGA is included in the zone) Recent developments at Portland and Port Fairy suggest this could be an opportunity. While there are no tidal or wave projects underway on the Gippsland Coast, the potential may exist at Phillip Island – (By the way I still am unsure if this is in the Gippsland Coastal Plan zone. The maps suggest not, but other features suggest maybe it is such as image of San Remo. Following on from this. Emerging Markets P12 Renewable Energy- <http://arena.gov.au/files/2013/08/Chapter-11-Ocean-Energy.pdf> On page 307 the report states that Carnegie Wave Energy Limited announced that it had completed a feasibility assessment that identified Garden Island WA as the preferred site for the development of a 5 MW demonstration wave energy project based on CETO 3 wave converter. The company has five other project sites in Australia at the licensing agreement stage spread across Western Australia, South Australia and Victoria (Albany, Port MacDonnell, Portland, Warrnambool and Phillip Island) See more at <http://www.carnegiewave.com/component/k2/item/18-australian-wave-energy.html?Itemid=133&highlight=WyJwaGlsbGwliwiaXNsYW5kIiwidmJlIiwicGhpbGxpcCBpc2xhbmQilCJwaGlsbGwIGlzbGFuZCB2aWMIcJpc2xhbmQqdmJlI0=>

Litter and Plastics in the Marine Environment P7 has impacts on Amenity values (clean beaches) and to lesser degree (water quality). I would suggest the Plan consider referring to best practice guides to prevent and manage littering in the marine environment focusing on education, infrastructure and enforcement see- <http://www.litter.vic.gov.au/litter-prevention-toolkits/best-practice-model> and <http://www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/our-priorities/integrated-waste-management/litter/victorian-litter-strategy-2012>

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