

FACT SHEET 1

Warrnambool's Coast: help shape the future

Council is pleased to advise that the Draft Warrnambool Coastal Management Plan has been developed and is available for public comment.

Council invites you to have input to the Draft Plan, which will be the primary tool used by Council for decision making on Warrnambool's coastline.

Submission can be made from 5.00pm October 2 2013 until November 13, 2013.

Warrnambool's coastline exists within close proximity to, or integrated within the urban environment and is arguably one of the city's most valuable assets, supporting a diverse range of environmental, cultural and recreational values. Warrnambool City Council is a key coastal planner through its role as the Committee of Management for Warrnambool's coastal Crown Land Reserves, under the Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978. The area covered under the plan stretches approximately 12.7 km from Levy's Point Coastal Reserve in the west to Logan's Beach in the east; land known by the traditional owners as Gunditjmara country (Map 1).

The Warrnambool Coastal Management Plan identifies:

- Environmental, cultural and recreational values
- Our vision for the future of Warrnambool's coastline
- Management objectives aimed at achieving the Plan's vision
- Overarching management pressures
- Management precincts
- Key management issues and
- Prioritised management strategies

The protection and enhancement of Warrnambool's coastal values is considered key to achieving the plan's vision for the future of our coast.

Our vision for the future

"An environment where the natural and cultural values of Warrnambool's unique coastline are protected and enhanced and opportunities to access and enjoy the coastline are achieved in a sustainable way."

Priority issues

High priority management issues affecting Warrnambool's coastline are identified in the plan and include the:

- impact of climate change
- loss of native flora and fauna
- protection of Aboriginal cultural heritage sites
- provision of designated public access
- role of Warrnambool Port's as a State Marine Precinct
- unauthorised access and activities impacting on environmental and cultural heritage values



Map 1. Warrnambool Coastal Plan management area.

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Management strategies

Management strategies addressing key issues identified in the plan are detailed in the report and include:

- Undertaking a Coastal Hazards Risk Assessment and Coastal Climate Change Adaptation Plan
- Implementing recommendations set out in the Warrnambool Coast Vegetation Management Plan (2011)
- Working in partnership with key stakeholders to identify, monitor and protect sites of Aboriginal cultural significance
- Conducting an audit and demand analysis of designated public access paths and lookout points to the Warrnambool coastline
- Preventing unauthorised use, access and activities within Warrnambool's coastline
- Investigating and determining the impacts and opportunities of Warrnambool's Port being a State Marine Precinct

A ten year plan

The Coastal Management Plan will be a ten year plan.

The Coastal Management Act 1995 requires the plan to be reviewed three years after it is approval by the Minister.

How you can access the plan and provide your feedback

To view the plan on-line go to www.yoursaywarrnambool.com.au.

You can also view a copy of the draft at the Warrnambool Civic Centre, 25 Liebig Street Warrnambool

Submissions can be made:

- Online:** yoursaywarrnambool.com.au
- Email:** community@warrnambool.vic.gov.au
- Written:** Draft Coastal Management Plan
PO Box 198,
Warrnambool, Vic, 3280

For more information on providing feedback to the draft plan see Fact Sheet 2 – Making a submission

