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This Clause for French Island provides local content to support Clause 18 (Transport) of the State Planning Policy Framework.

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Ferry access

Overview

Access to and from French Island is limited to ferry services including a public passenger ferry service between Stony Point and Tankerton jetty, and Tankerton Jetty and Cowes (Philip Island); a private barge service between Corinella and the barge landing, Barge Access Road, French Island, and private aircraft or boat.

Key issue

- Maintaining ferry access to and from the Island.

Objective 1

Strategy 1.1

To maintain ferry access between the Island and the mainland.

Support the development and maintenance of the ferry-related services and facilities in accordance with the environmental and infrastructure capabilities of the land.

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Local road network

Overview

French Island has an unsealed road network. Movement around the Island is primarily by car (or other motorised vehicles) although some visitors walk, ride bicycles or see the Island by bus tour.

Key issues

- Recognising that the unsealed road network limits accessibility and movement around the Island and therefore affects use and development on the Island.
- Maintaining a safe and adequate road network, particularly at times after heavy rain.

Objective 1

Strategy 1.1

To maintain safe access and movement around the Island.

Ensure proposals do not place unreasonable stress on the unsealed road network.

Strategy 1.2

Require development proposals to demonstrate safe access year round, including times of flood.

Strategy 1.3

Ensure that the road network infrastructure is considered when assessing land use or development proposals.

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Implementation

These strategies will be implemented by:

Policy and exercise of discretion

- Planning for the use of land adjacent to the ferry access should aim to achieve and maintain a high standard of environmental quality, be integrated with policies for the protection of the environment generally and of marine environments.
- New uses or development of land near an existing or proposed transport route should be planned or regulated to avoid detriment to, and where possible enhance, the service, safety and amenity desirable for that transport route in the short and long terms.
- Higher land use densities should be encouraged near the existing unsealed road network.
- The design of transport routes should be planned and regulated to achieve visual standards appropriate with particular reference to landscaping.

Zones and overlays

- Applying the Significant Landscape Overlay to areas with high scenic values and significant landscape areas.
- Applying Public Park and Recreation Zone over all public land used for public open space and recreation areas.

Other action

- Discourage the use of horses on French Island due to the negative impact on the road infrastructure and the potential introduction of weed species and Cinnamon Fungus.

Reference document

Department of Sustainability and Environment 2003, Western Port Ramsar Site Strategic Management Plan