

## **12.02 COASTAL AREAS**

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### **12.02-1 Protection of coastal areas**

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#### **Objective**

To recognise and enhance the value of the coastal areas to the community and ensure sustainable use of natural coastal resources.

#### **Strategies**

Coordinated land use and planning with the requirements of the Coastal Management Act 1995 to:

- Provide clear direction for the future sustainable use of the coast, including the marine environment, for recreation, conservation, tourism, commerce and similar uses in appropriate areas.
- Protect and maintain areas of environmental significance.
- Identify suitable areas and opportunities for improved facilities.

Apply the hierarchy of principles for coastal planning and management as set out in the Victorian Coastal Strategy 2014, which are:

Principle 1: Ensure the protection of significant environmental and cultural values.

Principle 2: Undertake integrated planning and provide clear direction for the future.

Principle 3: Ensure the sustainable use of natural coastal resources.

Principle 4: Ensure development on the coast is located within existing modified and resilient environments where the demand for development is evident and any impacts can be managed sustainably.

#### **Policy guidelines**

Planning must consider as relevant:

- *The Victorian Coastal Strategy* (Victorian Coastal Council, 2014).

### **12.02-2 Appropriate development of coastal areas**

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#### **Objective**

To ensure development conserves, protects and seeks to enhance coastal biodiversity and ecological values.

#### **Strategies**

Ensure development is sensitively sited and designed and respects the character of coastal settlements.

Encourage revegetation of cleared land abutting coastal reserves.

Maintain the natural drainage patterns, water quality and biodiversity within and adjacent to coastal estuaries, wetlands and waterways.

Avoid disturbance of coastal acid sulfate soils.

Protect cultural heritage places, including Aboriginal places, archaeological sites and historic shipwrecks.

## Policy guidelines

Planning must consider as relevant:

- *The Victorian Coastal Strategy* (Victorian Coastal Council, 2014).
- *The Coastal Spaces Landscape Assessment Study* (Department of Sustainability and Environment, 2006).
- Any relevant coastal action plan or management plan approved under the *Coastal Management Act 1995* or *National Parks Act 1975*.

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## Coastal Crown land

### Objective

To achieve development that provides an environmental, social and economic balance.

### Strategies

Ensure that use and development on or adjacent to coastal foreshore Crown land:

- Maintains safe, equitable public access and improves public benefit whilst protecting local environmental and social values.
- Demonstrates need and coastal dependency.
- Is located within a defined activity or recreation node.

## Policy guidelines

Planning must consider as relevant:

- *The Victorian Coastal Strategy* (Victorian Coastal Council, 2014).
- The purpose for which land is reserved under the *Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978*.
- Any relevant coastal action plan or management plan approved under the *Coastal Management Act 1995* or *National Parks Act 1975*.

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## Coastal tourism

### Objective

To encourage suitably located and designed coastal and marine tourism opportunities.

### Strategies

Ensure that a diverse range of accommodation options and coastal experience are maintained and provided for and that sites and facilities are accessible to all.

Ensure tourism developments demonstrate a tourist accommodation need and support a nature based approach within non-urban areas.

Ensure developments are of an appropriate scale, use and intensity relative to its location and minimises impacts on the surrounding natural visual, environmental and coastal character.

## Policy guidelines

Planning must consider as relevant:

- *The Victorian Coastal Strategy* (Victorian Coastal Council, 2014).
- *The Coastal Spaces Landscape Assessment Study* (Department of Sustainability and Environment, 2006).

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## Bays

### Objective

To improve the environmental health of the bays and their catchments.

### Strategies

Reduce major environmental pressures associated with urban growth and development within catchments of Port Phillip Bay and Western Port by:

- Requiring growth area planning to protect significant natural assets.
- Improving the quality of stormwater entering waterways, particularly that emanating from construction sites and road development.

Improve waterway management arrangements for the whole of the Port Phillip Bay and Western Port catchments.

Protect coastal and foreshore environments and improve public access and recreation facilities around Port Phillip Bay and Western Port by:

- Requiring coastal planning and management to be consistent with the Victorian Coastal Strategy 2014.
- Managing privately owned foreshore consistently with the adjoining public land.

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## The Great Ocean Road region

### Objective

To manage the sustainable development of the Great Ocean Road region.

### Strategies

Protect public land and parks and identified significant landscapes.

Ensure development responds to the identified landscape character of the area.

Manage the impact of development on catchments and coastal areas.

Manage the impact of development on the environmental and cultural values of the area.

Manage the growth of towns by:

- Respecting the character of coastal towns and promoting best practice design for new development.
- Directing urban growth to strategically identified areas.

Improve the management of access and transport by:

- Managing the Great Ocean Road for tourism and regional access.
- Enhancing the safety and travelling experience of the Great Ocean Road.

- Improving the safety and operational performance of the inland routes from the Princes Highway to the Great Ocean Road.
- Providing travel choices to and within the region.

Encourage sustainable tourism and resource use by:

- Developing a network of tourism opportunities throughout the region.
- Supporting tourism activities that provide environmental, economic and social benefits.
- Supporting the land use and transport needs of key regional industries including tourism.
- Using natural resources with care.

### **Policy guidelines**

Planning must consider as relevant:

- *The Victorian Coastal Strategy* (Victorian Coastal Council, 2014).
- *The Great Ocean Road Landscape Assessment Study* (Department of Sustainability and Environment, 2004).
- *The Great Ocean Road Region - A Land Use and Transport Strategy* (Department of Sustainability and Environment, 2004).