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Subject: Draft Western Regional Coastal Plan

Hi [REDACTED]

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I was pleased to receive a hard copy of the draft Plan as a Past Member of the Western Coastal Board. I thought it best to direct my comments – general and specific - to you to pass on, as appropriate.

- The draft Plan is logically structured and well-presented.
- “The Plan at a glance” table on page 4 proved to be very useful when working through the document. I particularly liked the prominence of “Community” in the listing of Key Regional Coastal Issues.
- When the national significance of the Great Ocean Road is mentioned on page 6, it would be worth noting that the GOR was added to the National Heritage List on 7 April 2011.
- As a member of the Committee for Lorne, I have been actively involved in issues relating to Chapter 4. In particular, I have participated in workshops organised by the Great Ocean Road Regional Tourism Board (GORRT), who recently circulated a Draft Strategic Master Plan Discussion Paper. No doubt WCB will be liaising with GORRT on relevant matters in Chapter 4. WCB Board member Carole Reid was a driving force on this work during her time with GORRT. It could be worth specifically mentioning GORRT as a Partner Agent in the table on page 17 because of their regional role.
- The GORRT Discussion Paper introduced the concept of “Conscious Travel” undertaken by travellers who want to take more time to experience and enjoy the (coastal) environment. A plan such as your draft regional plan is a key means of making the coast in this region an environment in which such travellers will want to stay longer – one of our objectives in Lorne.
- Regarding the photo on page 24 showing a storm surge across the GOR at Apollo Bay, this is wrongly attributed to Rob Gell. It was, in fact, one of 60 photos taken by Gary McPike. This one was taken by Gary at 4.11pm on 28 May 2005. Gary emailed all these photos to me on 1 June 2005. Subsequently, I forwarded some to Rob Gell, who no doubt provided this one for this document. I think that the correct attribution is warranted.
- Chapter 7, Supporting Communities Caring for the Coast, is one to which I closely relate through my role with LorneCare. Much of the work at our monthly working bees on the coast relates to the removal of pest plants, both aquatic - sea spurge - and terrestrial. On the Lorne foreshore many of the latter are “garden escapees” such as red hot poker. I don’t recall seeing much specific reference in the draft Plan to the management of pest plants – and animals – along the coast. This might be implied in some of the actions in Chapters 5 and 7, but is such an important part of keeping our coast attractive that it should be given specific mention.

I would be happy to discuss these and other points further over a coffee when you have time.

Regards

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