

Submission by AMYC to Western Coastal Board Coastal Plan (Draft) 2015 – 2020

Anglesea MotorYacht Club Inc is an active community focused organisation that has been operating since the 1960's.

It is located on the foreshore at Pt Roadknight, Anglesea, adjacent to the public boat ramp and boat trailer parking area.

We conduct 1qa0 and host activities relevant to the draft plan. This location also serves the active and passive recreational pursuits of local residents, residents from other Surf Coast Shire townships and tourists. The latter include day trippers from Geelong/ Melbourne, interstate and overseas.

On behalf of all the above users we believe we are in a position to make broad observations and one that's very specific to Pt Roadknight.

We are specifically supportive of part 6 – Planning for Coastal Flooding and Erosion, and note (p21)the priority areas for adaptation include consideration of “hazards” and that assessment of priority works includes “ the community values that are in the area “

In regard to this, we have on behalf of the user groups mentioned, just initiated a proposal for some erosion control work on the receding cliff face that abuts the public asset, boat trailer parking area. This is being oversighted by the Gt Ocean Road Coast Committee and will soon be lodged with DELWP.

We trust that this sort of community initiative will be considered favourably by DELWP in light of the directives in the draft WCB plan.

In the broader context of the plan, we feel there is a lack of “connection” with the actual users of the coast.

i.e. beach users – those who just walk (some with dogs)

- swimmers / surfers

those who access the ocean (via boatramps or adjacent car parks) for

- fishing, sailing , kayaking, kite surfing etc

The WCB's Boating CAP is an example of consultation; it has resulted in prioritised actions but few outcomes. This situation is addressed below.

Arising from the above are issues of the adequacy of beach's,boatramps and other coastal features such as walking trails that can be accessed and used.

Associated matters then arise such the many layers of governance and responsibilities attached to coastal management , including funding.

It seems that “everyone” thinks the Coast is wonderful for the economy.

If that's the case then managing and resourcing it more effectively should be undertaken.

This perhaps might best be done via increased grants from Federal and State tourism budgets and empowering the WCB to direct partner agencies to deliver whats wanted and needed by the users.

The WCB draft plan is a good step in the right direction.