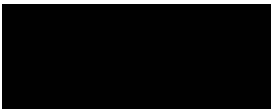
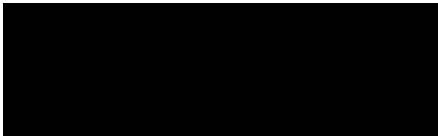


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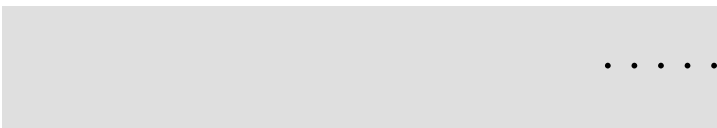
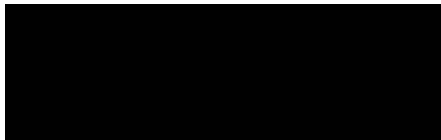
Dear Chairperson,

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on a carefully considered Draft Western Regional Coastal Plan for the years 2015 – 2020.

There are however, two areas I wish to comment on.

1. Working together, page 20. The Case Study paints an ideal picture. While I am not disputing the case study itself, it does not represent a true picture of many other areas in the Otways, For instance there is a major infestation of ragwort along the Great Ocean Road, and the Lavers Hill – Colac Road at Lavers Hill which has been allowed to develop over the last few years. There is no local Land Care group to tackle the infestation, DEPI appears not to have taken any interest in the matter, and it is most probably outside the jurisdiction of the Corangamite Catchment Authority. While the infestation is on private land it has the potential to spread to the Great Otway National Park. We need to go back to the days were DEPI enforces regulations controlling the destruction of weeds.
2. Figure 9. Map of coastal instability and areas for further coastal hazard investigation. The Barham River at Apollo Bay has a large low lying area subject to inundation which has not been included on the map.

I trust that these comments are of assistance.



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