

BASS COAST

Distinctive Area and Landscapes Project



What we heard from previous engagement

What concerns you:

- The loss of important habitats and birdlife due to sea level rise and coastal erosion
- The loss of sacred sites and cultural heritage
- The impact of plastic waste on the ocean and waterways

Risks and Resilience

Climate change impacts are a fundamental threat to Victoria. They include warmer average temperatures, more frequent and longer droughts, longer and harsher bushfire seasons, more extreme weather events, rising sea levels and more acidic oceans.

There is an increasing risk of the loss of important coastal habitats and wetlands, important rock formations and cultural heritage sites, as a result of sea level rise, erosion and associated weather events. Rising ocean temperatures is impacting the marine environment, with penguins and seals finding their normal feeding and breeding patterns being disrupted.

Communities will need to understand the changes that may occur and harness opportunities to reduce emissions and become more climate-resilient.



Strategic Directions

The Bass Coast Statement of Planning Policy could include strategies to:

- Prevent sensitive land uses in high risk bushfire, coastal and riverine flooding areas
- Reduce fossil fuel use and greenhouse gas emissions (for example, prioritisation of public and active transport modes, such as walking and cycling)
- Mitigate coastal erosion risks
- Ensure future land use and development planning aligns and integrates sustainable and resilient water management practices.

Tell us more

What other strategies could be considered to build community resilience for managing environmental hazards and related risks?

Get involved online at engage.vic.gov.au/distinctive-areas-and-landscapes-program/bass-coast where you can view and download the discussion paper and background information and provide feedback through the online form.