

Great Ocean Road Taskforce FACT SHEET

The Great Ocean Road Taskforce has played a leading role in developing the Great Ocean Road Action Plan. The Taskforce will continue to advise the coordinating Ministers and provide regional oversight of the Action Plan delivery.



- On September 14, 2017 the Victorian Government established the Great Ocean Road Taskforce. The Taskforce was independently co-chaired by the Hon Peter Batchelor and the Hon Terry Mulder.
 - Its membership included representatives of the Traditional Owners, tourism and coastal management and local government.
 - The Taskforce conducted the first independent assessment of the management and oversight of the entirety of the Great Ocean Road region.
 - The Taskforce released a landmark issues Paper in March 2018 for community comment: *Governance of the Great Ocean Road Region*, proposing a new management model and formal policy position.
 - It consulted with 38 organisations and found widespread agreement on the need for reform.
- The Taskforce found that – given the Great Ocean Road’s outstanding natural, cultural and heritage values – there was a need to treat the region as a **single, integrated and living entity**.
 - The Taskforce determined a lead agency is needed because – although more than 20 public agencies currently have responsibilities in the region – there is no overarching management, no clearly defined partnership with the Traditional Owners and no holistic planning for the touring experience.
 - The Final Report finding called for the development and funding of a 50-year strategic framework plan covering the entire region.
 - The Great Ocean Road Taskforce has been re-established to provide oversight on implementation of the Action Plan.
 - The Great Ocean Road Taskforce will play a role in guiding the work of the DELWP team responsible for implementing the Action Plan.
 - The Great Ocean Road Taskforce will also report back to the Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change on progress of implementation and any other significant issues.

The Great Ocean Road Taskforce was given a job of national significance – to identify the steps that need to be taken to safeguard the future of the coastal land and water of the Great Ocean Road region.



Great Ocean Road Action Plan

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