

Submission to DAL

Thank you for the undated letter seeking comment on the SPP from Andrew Grear.

I would like to compliment the work undertaken to date and make the following suggestions:-

- That current public land reserves be protected by a suitable buffer to prevent further encroachment into these areas from adjoining land uses or pressures. These buffers could protect coastal reserves, nature and natural feature reserves.
- That a vision may be to see these reserves increased in size so that they can deal with population growth and being over loved. For example the linking of lake Victoria to the coastal reserve and protecting the native vegetation and remaining cultural values. This may mean acquisition overlays and funding provided by the Minister to undertake.
- That any push to extend Oakdene Estate at Ocean Grove to the west be opposed.
- That the area shown as a lake at the cnr Swan Bay and Grubb Roads be reflected more appropriately given the works being undertaken by Barwon Water and funded by the DAL program.
- That the Ocean Grove Lookout be reflected
- That some commentary be provided on the risk to the Bellarine Peninsula Southern Coast and more broadly how the impact of climate change will impact on this reserve so that the community may better understand potential loss.
- Some commentary around impact of groynes and if this will be a permitted use going forward.
- That you fund the updating of Coastal & Marine Management Plans held by respective land managers to reflect the vision in this document so that the different plans may be complimentary.
- That you consider improved protection of the northern Bellarine (facing Port Phillip Bay) from ad hoc protection type structures as much of that frontage is private land with limited controls. A vision may be that a reserve be created along Port Phillip Bay in future to allow waterside access and protection.
- That the broader Government fund the planting of increased areas of vegetation to create a network from remnant flora and fauna, ideally along the rail trails or road conservation corridors.
- That the matter of sea level rise be better delineated and compliment updates to planning schemes to reflect possible inundation areas.

