

# Fairhaven to Skenes Creek Coastal Trail Study

## Draft trail concept and route options - July 2019

The Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) is undertaking a study to assess the value, benefits and options for a coastal walking and/or cycling trail between Fairhaven and Skenes Creek.

**This document provides information about a draft concept for discussion and consultation purposes.**

### Developing a trail concept

Specialist trail designers have undertaken desktop assessments and field work to identify route options and develop a draft trail concept. They have considered:

- feedback from government agencies, councils, community and business groups, user groups, residents and visitors
- connections to and use of existing trails
- connections to townships
- land ownership
- local topography and environment

More detailed investigations would take place if the project proceeds to the next stage of development.

### Guiding design principles

Trail design best practice and community feedback informed these design principles to guide development of a trail concept:

- seek out an iconic and world-class user experience to attract longer-stay visitors
- use existing infrastructure where possible to minimise environmental impacts and cost
- accommodation and facilities are provided in townships to drive economic benefit
- provide a mix of hinterland and coastal trail to showcase the area's diverse landscapes.



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### Consultation

Through earlier consultation with communities, visitors and stakeholders in May and June, we heard that there is support for a trail that:

- caters for different users and abilities
- reflects the natural environment
- supports sustainable tourism
- provides scenic views
- connects coastal towns and with other trails in the area.

This feedback has been important in developing the design principles and a draft trail concept.

### Have your say on the draft trail concept

We are seeking feedback on the draft trail concept from 18 July to 4 August. Your feedback will be used to further develop the concept design and feasibility study.

We would like to hear your views on:

- the design principles used to guide development of the trail concept
- suggestions for improving the trail concept
- comments on the key route options, opportunities and challenges

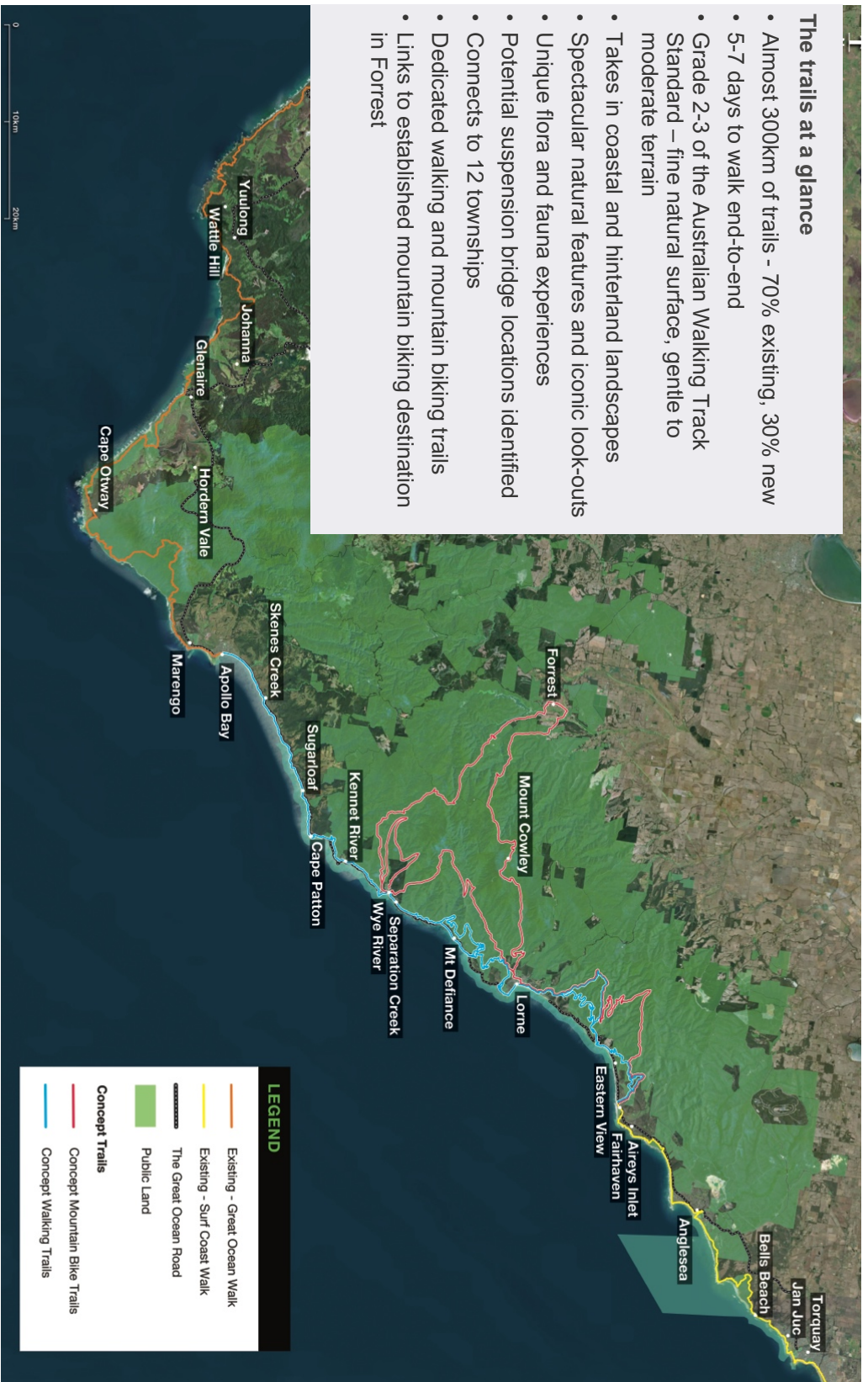


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## Draft concept plan – Fairhaven to Skenes Creek walking and mountain bike trails

### The trails at a glance

- Almost 300km of trails - 70% existing, 30% new
- 5-7 days to walk end-to-end
- Grade 2-3 of the Australian Walking Track Standard – fine natural surface, gentle to moderate terrain
- Takes in coastal and hinterland landscapes
- Spectacular natural features and iconic look-outs
- Unique flora and fauna experiences
- Potential suspension bridge locations identified
- Connects to 12 townships
- Dedicated walking and mountain biking trails
- Links to established mountain biking destination in Forrest



### More information

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