7. **Travel and Personal Expenses Arrangements**

Schedule 2, Item 3(2) of the Act states that each member or acting member of an authority is entitled to receive the personal and travelling expenses that are fixed in the member’s instrument of appointment or are fixed from time to time by the Governor in Council.

Reasonable personal and travelling expenses will be paid.

8. **Leave Arrangements**

There are no leave provisions for these part-time statutory positions.

9. **Prior Service**

Not applicable.

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**Planning and Environment Act 1987**

DECLARATION OF THE SURF COAST AS A DISTINCTIVE AREA AND LANDSCAPE

Order in Council

The Governor in Council, under section 46AO(1) of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 (Act), on the recommendation of the Minister, makes the following Order:

1. **Preamble**

In accordance with section 46AO(2)(d)(i) of the Act, the following statement sets out the significance of the area to the people of Victoria:

(a) The Surf Coast has natural landscapes of outstanding beauty and environmental, economic and cultural heritage values of state and national significance.

(b) Its diverse natural environment and impressive landforms, combined with visible layers of history, underscore its special significance to the people of Victoria and its important role in our social, cultural and economic development.

(c) There are a number of nationally and state significant areas of biodiversity including the Point Addis Marine National Park, Point Danger Marine Sanctuary, Point Impossible, The Breamlea/Karaaf wetlands and associated estuaries. These areas provide important habitats to a variety of flora and fauna including endangered and threatened species like the Hooded Plover, Bellarine Yellow Gum and the critically endangered Orange-Bellied Parrot.

(d) The Great Ocean Road, which begins in Torquay, is registered on the National Heritage list. The Road is a highly important destination for local and overseas visitors. The history and construction of the road was important for the development of the state and opening the region to tourism.

(e) There are many high-quality surfing beaches within the area, including Bells Beach, which hosts international surfing events. The Surf Coast is synonymous with surfing, is an important aspect of the development of the area as a holiday destination and forms part of the cultural identity of the Surf Coast.

The following statement sets out the significance of Wadawurrung Country and the area to the Traditional Owners in traditional language, in accordance with section 46AO(2)(d)(ii) of the Act:

Comugleen budj-o thalikiyu kin kin bil beng-ordi-ngadak. Ngarrwabil, boron, guli, bagurrk. Comugleen budj-o bengadak ngarr-uk djaa, ngubiyt, weagoon gobata gupma wurring-wurring baap beng-ordi-nganak, djarrima murrup-nhuk bengadak

Gobata Wadawurrung bulug jumbuk didalbil murrup-nhuk bundjil monomeeth beek-o weagoon. Mutjak-a'k noogee n'udder duralulily

Wa-ngarrak Wadawurrung bulug bengadak mirriyu boron-dja gobata-k ying ying, ngarrimilli, wah-ak, karrung, kuy-a, nyanayit-yanunit, djilenawurr, baap willam beng-ordi-ngadak.
Nyurrinana-ngal beng-ordi-ngadak
Willam Barwon Yaluk baap Koaka-dorla ‘bass strait’ Wadawurrrung Balug dja beng-ordi-ngadak, bullarto nerr-i-girr baap monomeeth worrowig warrec, gelanyi bulboluk
Weagoon-o Modewarre-wa, Mode baap kiang-purt
Weagoon-o Koaka-Dorla-wa Dorla
Weeagoon-o Wurdiboluk, Gherang, Pawon Yaluk monomeeth-wa Yonbarra baap wirrapiyen, buniya, tark-a binyak-ngal.
Wa-weagoon nerr-i-gurr-o kit kit baap bullarto gurrin-gurrin-k wah-ak, karrung, yanikan-werrity. Corroboree bullarto wa-ik-ngitj balug-wa beng-ordi-ngadak
Mirr wurruru-ngarra dja bengadak.
Mirr-i-tonton dja Wadawurrrung balug, gobata be-ak yerra-ak murrup yani-mirriyu ngarrwa-uk beng-ordi-ngadak

The following statement sets out the significance of the Wadawurrrung Country and the area to the Traditional Owners, in accordance with section 46AO(2)(d)(ii) of the Act:

We deeply respect our people of the past. Elders, children, men, women. We deeply respect their knowledge of country, water, life, their care of the traditions and of each other, we stand with their spirit.

Great spirit Bundjil told us to take care of the great life within the land. To only take what you need without selfishness

Wadawurrrung shared their knowledge of singing, dance, trade, camps, fishing, hunting, paintings, and homes to us to protect for our future generations.

We all need to help.

Our Wadawurrrung family group lived within Barwon River and Bass Strait, with a large land of forested areas and wonderful banks of the ocean, near many water bodies. Life in the Modewarre gave Musk duck and Bream. Life in the Anglesea gave mullet Wurdiboluk, Gherang, Barwon River all provide ideal life to birds and fish, ecls. Reeds turned into our baskets.

Life in the forest gave resources like food and lots of tools to use for trade, building, journey
If there was lots to trade, we would share with our families and celebrate
We would name our country, by what we could see.

Our country is remembered by Wadawurrrung, our proud spirit walks to tomorrow to teach others the care of our earth.

2. Declaration
In accordance with section 46AO of the Act, the Surf Coast is declared as a distinctive area and landscape.

3. Description of area
In accordance with section 46AO(2)(a) of the Act, the Surf Coast declared as a distinctive area and landscape is described in the plan numbered LEGL./19-163 lodged in the Central Plan Office.

4. Attributes and distinctive features of the declared area
In accordance with section 46AO(2)(b) of the Act, Table 1 provides the attributes described in section 46AP(1) that qualify the Surf Coast as an area to be declared as a distinctive area and landscape.
Table 1. Attributes qualifying declared area as a distinctive area and landscape

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| 1.   | Outstanding Environmental Significance | (a) Creeks, wetlands, saltmarshes, woodlands and beaches in the area provide habitat for numerous state and national threatened species.  
(b) Areas of biodiversity significance include Point Addis Marine National Park, Point Danger Marine Sanctuary, Point Impossible, Karaaf Wetlands, Breamlea Flora and Fauna Reserve, Thompson Creek, Deep Creek, remnant vegetation west of Torquay-Jan Juc. |
| 2.   | Significant Geographical Features, including Natural Landforms | (a) Landscape includes areas of state and national significance, particularly along the coastline.  
(b) Bells Beach, the surrounding rugged coastline and hinterland offers scenic views from landmark cliffs, points and lookouts that define the character of the area.  
(c) Landscape character is highly visible from main road corridors. |
| 3.   | Heritage and Cultural Significance | (a) The region has extensive heritage and cultural value, ranging from areas of Aboriginal heritage significance, renowned surfing locations and shipwrecks along the coastline.  
(b) Coastal areas and waterways contain significant Aboriginal heritage value and are gathering places for the Wadawurrung people.  
(c) Bells Beach is an area of state heritage significance and included on the Victorian Heritage Register for its surfing, cultural and aesthetic heritage values.  
(d) The Great Ocean Road is included on the National Heritage List – it serves as a memorial to Australian servicemen in the First World War and enables access to spectacular natural scenery. |
| 4.   | Natural Resources or Productive Land of Significance | (a) Surf Coast is a major nature-based tourism destination of state significance, with tourism assets including Bells Beach, the Great Ocean Road and Torquay-Jan Juc  
(b) Extractive industries in the area are significant, particularly for their contribution to Victoria’s supply of limestone |
| 5.   | Strategic Infrastructure or Built Form of Significance | (a) The Great Ocean Road is strategic infrastructure of national significance and is an important aspect of the tourism economy.  
(b) Surf Coast Highway and Anglesea Road also form part of the state transport network which is critical for the function of the Surf Coast |
5. **Threats of significant land use change of the declared area**

In accordance with section 46AO(2)(c) of the Act, the list below identifies the threats of significant or irreversible land use change, as described in section 46AP(2), that would affect the environmental, social or economic values of the declared area.

(a) Threats to areas of significant biodiversity from land clearing and loss of habitat, urban development pressures including water run-off, human interference increased through tourism and introduced weeds and pests, climate change impacts and natural hazards such as change in water temperatures, sea level rise, storm surges and bushfire;

(b) Threats to natural landscapes and landforms from urban development expansion, increased visitation pressures, climate change impacts including sea level rise and change in storm patterns expected to increase risk of erosion;

(c) Threats to preservation of heritage and cultural attributes from township expansion, land use practices and increased tourism activity and recreation;

(d) Threats to natural resources and productive land from land use conflicts between conservation, agricultural use, residential use and recreation activities; cumulative impacts of development; and natural hazards, including bushfire and flooding;

(e) Threats to future effectiveness of strategic infrastructure due to increasing pressure from urban growth, tourism activity and cumulative urban development.

Dated 17 September 2019

Responsible Minister:

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