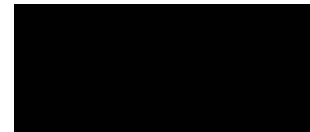




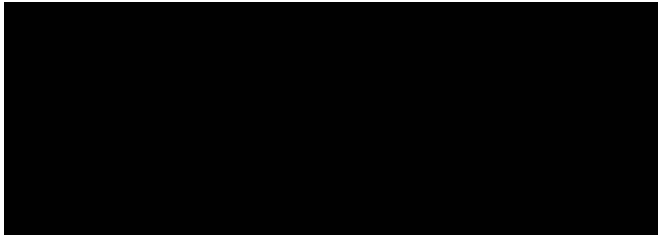
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Dear 

INVITATION TO PROVIDE INPUT TO DRAFT REGIONAL COASTAL PLANS

Thank you for your letter of 13 February 2015 regarding an invitation to provide input to draft Regional Coastal Plans. I apologise for the delay in responding.

I thank you for providing me with the three draft Regional Coastal Plans. I am pleased to note from your letter that each Regional Coastal Board undertook a public consultation process to receive input from stakeholders and community members in that region. It is important to involve all those who have an interest in the coast, to have their say in the planning process, so as to utilise local expertise, ideas and knowledge in the successful management of coastal regions.

I also note from the draft plans that each Board interpreted the desired outcomes, policies and actions of the Victorian Coastal Strategy 2014 at a regional level – thus, ensuring that state-wide direction is translated into localised decision-making by identifying regional values, initiatives and management gaps.

I look forward to the successful implementation of these plans in the future.

Yours sincerely

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Minister for Local Government

26 MAY 2015