

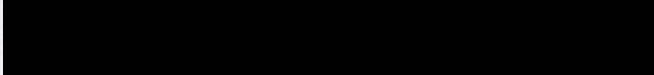


**Anglesea, Aireys Inlet Society for the  
Protection of Flora and Fauna**



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Western Coastal Board



**Comments on the Western Regional Coastal Plan 2015-2020 Draft**

ANGAIR Inc. is an active conservation society based at Anglesea and Aireys Inlet on the Surf Coast. We conduct many activities that are relevant to the draft Plan. For example, weeding and replanting along the coastal reserves, conducting nature walks, propagation and sale/distribution of coastal plants, conducting an annual wild flower and art show and working with primary, secondary and tertiary school children and students on environmental projects. We work collaboratively with many of the bodies whose roles are outlined in the draft Plan. For example Friends of Groups, Surfcoast Shire, GORCC, DELWP, Parks Vic and the CCMA.

We have read the draft Plan and support the content including actions covering a range of issues. We note that the Plan outlines the relevant bodies and their roles, responsibilities and relationships to each other. This is an important element of the Plan as there are so many organisations each having specific roles. The draft Plan is not lengthy, is easy to read with clear graphs/maps and some excellent photos.

In terms of threats to the biodiversity, social and economic values of the coastal strip we believe that climate change is the greatest threat especially in terms of coastal erosion, flooding, inundation and fire severity and frequency. Perhaps more emphasis could be placed on this area of the Plan and the associated planning and other actions required. Other threats such as increased usage are more manageable and much has been done to protect coastal vegetation and marine habitats.

Yours sincerely

