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Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Draft Western Regional Coastal Plan

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the *Draft Western Regional Coastal Plan*.

Barwon Water provides essential water and sewerage services to a permanent population of over 280,000 people across an 8,100 square kilometre service area, including major coastal communities and tourism destinations between Avalon and Marengo.

Barwon Water supports integrated coastal planning and management.

As committee of management for the foreshore reserve abutting Black Rock WRP, we will work with the Central Coastal Board and adjoining coastal land managers Barwon Coast Committee and the City of Greater Geelong to develop an integrated Coastal Management Plan.

As the water corporation servicing coastal areas within the Western Coastal Board region from Torquay to Marengo, Barwon Water owns and operates an extensive network of water and sewerage assets. Many of these are located within coastal crown land. The position of these assets is generally determined by the location of areas requiring our services and the availability of land on which to site our assets, as well as the efficient installation, operation and maintenance of these assets. The need to locate existing, new and upgraded water and sewerage assets on coastal crown land will continue into the future.

Barwon Water supports and seeks to be actively involved in coastal hazard assessments and adaptation planning, which must include consideration of the water and sewerage assets which support coastal communities.

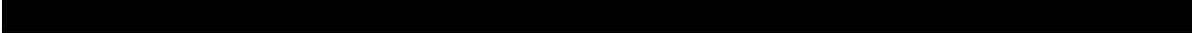
Coastal management agencies for the stretch of coast between Skenes Creek and Marengo recently met to discuss the establishment of an pilot project to drive integrated management of this area, advancing its environmental, social and economic value as a tourism destination



on the Great Ocean Road and serving as a best practice case study. Barwon Water has an interest in the efficient and effective management of this land, which also accommodates water and sewerage assets servicing the coastal communities, and supports the concept of a pilot project.

Barwon Water looks forward to participating in the development of local Coastal Management Plans across its region with the Western Coastal Board, committees of management and other key stakeholders.

Should you have any queries, please contact 



Yours faithfully

