Marine and Coastal Policy

- **Outline policies relating** to the marine and coastal environment
- **Guide decision makers to achieve the objectives** for planning and management of the marine and coastal environment
- **Include a marine spatial planning framework** that establishes a process for achieving integrated and coordinated planning and management of the marine environment

Marine and Coastal Strategy:

- Will be made every 5 years
- Set out the actions required to implement the Marine and Coastal Policy
- Include an implementation plan that:
  - contains proposed timeframes for the implementation of actions; and
  - Identifies the agencies responsible for delivering those actions
Successes of the VCS:

- The coastline has maintained a relatively healthy state
- Wide range of coastal experiences
- Strong public access
- Largely avoided sprawling linear development
- Strong public appreciation - 85% of Victorians reported their last trip to the coast as ‘excellent’ or ‘very good’
Key issues identified:

• Greater and better partnership with Traditional Owners

• Dealing with increased demand for use and access without compromising the values of the marine environment

• Greater direction on climate change adaptation
Developing the draft Policy

Targeted engagement with:

- Victorian Marine and Coastal Council
- Sea Country Co-governance Group (Traditional Owners)
- Stakeholder Reference Group
- Marine Spatial Planning Framework Co-Design Group
- Cross-agency Working Group and Steering Committee
Our vision:

A healthy, dynamic and biodiverse marine and coastal environment that benefits the Victorian community, now and in the future
## Areas of focus

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Public engagement and consultation

- Public engagement through July/August 2019
- Publishing the draft policy on the external DELWP website
- A series of information sessions at 4 to 6 locations across coastal Victoria to discuss in detail what’s proposed and what it means
- Engage Victoria platform for public to read the draft policy and post a submission