

# Coastal Forum 2019: Marine and Coastal Policy





## 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 co-ordinated 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



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***





Focus areas		
Traditional Owner aspirations, rights and knowledge	Ecosystems and habitats	Recreation and Tourism
Sustainable use and development	Natural features and landscapes	Coastal settlements
Marine and coastal industries	Buildings, structures and access	Heritage and cultural values
Managing risks from marine and coastal hazards	Stewardship and collaborative management	Marine and Coastal Crown land
Emergency management	Sustainable funding	





- 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