THE CITY OF GREATER GEELONG

SOUTHEAST BELLARINE COAST CMMP:

Response to suggested changes from stakeholder contributions



The Draft Southeast Bellarine Coast (Collendina-4W) Coastal and Marine Management Plan (CMMP) was edited by the City and Wadawurrung Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation and approved by Council prior to release. This was followed by 30+ days of stakeholder engagement from 29th July to 7th August 2022. The tables below list comments received from stakeholders and the community and resulting changes made to the CCMP.

Table One: Official changes to draft CMMP from the Department of Land Water and Planning (DELWP) – Coastal and Marine Team

Comment	Contributor	Action	Changes to CMMP
The draft CMMP has some information that is repeated in multiple locations. This could be better consolidated to ensure it provides clear direction for the future local management.	DELWP Coastal and Marine Team	Implemented	Removed repeated information.
Provide a link to highlight how your community consultation has informed key directions and priorities throughout the plan.	DELWP Coastal and Marine Team	Implemented	Provided clearer links from stakeholder consultation to objectives.
Provide a better link from priority actions to threats and challenges and how these were informed (through your consultation).	DELWP Coastal and Marine Team	Implemented	Provided clearer links from stakeholder consultation to actions.
Provide greater clarity and detail for your strategies/actions for implementation of actions (and the agencies responsible for delivering).	DELWP Coastal and Marine Team	Implemented	Provided clearer and more detail for actions implementation and responsible agencies.
Refer Action "Use and Development Sustainability B" – are these specific to private land or coastal Crown land? It may be that this statement raises expectations that this will be located on coastal Crown land as further detailed planning will be required if that is proposed.	DELWP Coastal and Marine Team	Implemented	Removed actions relating to land use outside of coastal Crown land area.

Consideration post adoption of the extension of the project steering group, roles and responsibilities, and practicalities for updating actions.	DELWP Coastal and Marine Team	Implemented	Post adoption of formalising Project Steering Group through a Terms of Reference. Details included in Master Plan.
Provide stronger link in document to Appendix 2.	DELWP Coastal and Marine Team	Implemented	Stronger links provided to precinct Master Plan and included in main Plan section.

Table Two: Stakeholders and community - suggested changes to Draft CMMP (from stakeholder meetings, online survey, written submissions, symposium and 1:1 meetings)

Note: Some responses were outside the scope of the CMMP coastal Crown land area and included areas adjacent which will be covered in the precinct plan: Southeast Bellarine Biolink Master Plan. This feedback (lakes, water flow, private land etc) will be included to inform the draft Master Plan. Based on this feedback the City will endeavour to make the CMMP area and scope clearer in the final Plan.

Comment	Contributor	Action	Changes to CMMP
Clearer language	1 x public comment	Implemented	Edits undertaken to remove acronyms in paragraph text and glossary included.
Support statements with data	1 x public comment	Implemented	Addressed in DELWP section.
Too many objectives	1 x public comment	Not Implemented	The objectives are based on stakeholder input.
Dates too far into the future	1 x public comment	Not implemented	Strong support from many stakeholders for long term projection to allow for planning and funding into the future.
Outcomes are not tangible or measurable enough	1 x public comment	Implemented	Increased measurability of actions.
Title is confusing – it is only a segment of the coast	1 x public comment	Not implemented	As this plan pertains to only the Crown Land area that the City manages, the title has to reflect this area. A map of the CMMP area is now included on cover for clarity.

Improve landholder connections in stewardship section	1 x public comment	Implemented	Improved connection to landholders adjacent to the CMMP area included in the stewardship section.
Unclear implications on landholders	1 x public comment	Response	As this Plan only pertains to the coastal Crown land there are minimal implications to landholders.
Support for a trail inside the area	1 x public comment	Response	DEWLP (Crown land authority) land managers and most stakeholders are not supportive of a trail inside the area due to the environmental values.
Better inclusion of all wildlife/migratory birds using this area	1 x public comment	Implemented	Broadened natural values and actions to include more detail on wildlife/migratory bird use and protection.
Address plastic waste along beach	1 x public comment	Implemented	Included marine debris and litter as an issue and action.
Improved mapping of marine environment	2 x public comment	Implemented	Strengthen this point in the Plan and notification to DELWP for support in marine spatial mapping. (The City does not have a management role in the marine environment).
Confirm settlement boundaries	Common public comment	Waiting on advice	Waiting on the State Bellarine Peninsula Distinctive Areas and Landscapes Statement of Planning Policy. This will also have implications for the precinct Master Plan.
More detailed outline/description of the area recognising the attributes of different use of the 5km are	1 x written submission	Implemented	Clearer outline of adjacent land and associated use of the coastal Crown land area. 1. Western Portion – Collendina 6W, 5W, Road access 2. Central – Landlocked by private land 3. Eastern Portion – Point Lonsdale 4W
Page 18 – Community Engagement Add text'Threats of illegal use have not been observed at the Western (Collendina) end which is more accessible and has passive surveillance through usage patterns, visitation and operation of the Caravan Park and Hotel/Motel'.	1 x written submission	Partially implemented	Illegal use has been detected at the Collendina end also. Included passive surveillance from adjoining land managers with accommodation/other businesses.
Page 49 – Precinct Master Plan Priorities – Point 3 Point 3 needs rewording to reflect community consultation and desire for continued usage	1 x written submission	Implemented	Reworded - Continue to provide for passive recreation in designated areas whilst monitoring usage patterns and implementing actions to further protect natural values.
Outline adjacent areas that provide facilities for use of the coastal Crown Land area. Roadways, carparks, access to beach walkways	2 x written submissions	Implemented	Details of facilities outlined and will be detailed further in precinct Master Plan.

Opportunity for safe beach connection path between 6W and 7W	1 x written submission	Implemented	Included action to investigate connection between 6W and 7W.

Table Three: Internal review City - suggested changes to Draft CMMP

Comment	Contributor	Action	Changes to CMMP
Create a CMMP pathway for future integration of Barwon Coast, City and Borough of Queenscliffe CMMP for the Bellarine Peninsula Southern Coast.	Land management group	Implemented	Pathway map included in CMMP and approved by the three land management groups.
Outline the definition of the W beach emergency marker	1 x City comment	Implemented	Outline of emergency beach marker included.
Page 24 Table 4: Issues Remove Coastal Acid Sulfate Soils (CASS) or Potential Acid Sulfate Soils (PASS) as not issue for the coastal Crown land.	1 x City comment	Implemented	Removed
Page 27 Table 5 Issues Remove Coastal flooding impacting on environmental and infrastructure values not an issue for coastal Crown land	1 x City comment	Implemented	Removed
Page 39 Natural Values: Action E Remove space for saltmarsh retreat resulting from rising sea level as not on coastal Crown land	1 x City comment	Implemented	Removed
Page 39 Natural Values: Action H Reword to reflect only the hydrology on the coast as other impacts on land outside of CMMP scope.	1 x City comment	Implemented	Reworded
Page 41 Use: Action B Reword to statement that the trail will not go through the coastal Crown land area	1 x City comment	Implemented	Reworded