

Media Release

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SECURING A GREAT FUTURE FOR THE GREAT OCEAN ROAD

Applications are now open for board positions for the new Great Ocean Road Coast and Parks Authority.

Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change Lily D'Ambrosio today invited applications for board – committing to strong representation of local Traditional Owner groups.

The new authority is part of the Victorian Government's landmark reforms to protect the iconic Great Ocean Road coast and parks for future generations.

The Authority will care for and protect public land along the length of the road, including areas of national park with Parks Victoria, and manage substantial tourism operations as the largest provider of visitor accommodation in the region.

The reforms support local jobs, drive investment in the area, provide for better visitor experiences and will deliver increased local community consultation especially when developing management plans.

The board will have up to 12 members and include an independent chair, a nominee of each recognised Traditional Owner group in the region and independent, skill-based board members.

Board members will have skills, knowledge or experience relevant to the functions of the authority and significant standing in their field of expertise. Suitably skilled local community members are actively encouraged to apply.

The authority will have its headquarters in Torquay, district offices in Apollo Bay and Port Campbell, and operational bases in other coastal towns along the road.

The Government promoting diverse representation on boards and encourages applications from young people, people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, people with a disability, Aboriginal people and LGBTIQ community members.

Expressions of interests for the Great Ocean Road Coast and Parks Authority closes on 2 August 2020.

More information on board vacancies and the expression of interest process is available at getonboard.vic.gov.au.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change Lily D'Ambrosio

"We're making sure the Great Ocean Road Coast and Parks Authority has the right skills and expertise to manage and protect our iconic Great Ocean Road."

"Healthy coast and parks right along the Great Ocean Road are vital for local communities, supporting local jobs and growth."

"We're protecting the iconic coasts, parks and scenic landscapes that make the Great Ocean Road such a popular and treasured part of Victoria."