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Revised Pt Grey Draft released for comment

Submissions are now invited on a revised draft plan for the Point Grey Precinct in Lorne.

Great Ocean Road Coast Committee CEO Richard Davies said the original draft plan was released for consultation in September 2013.

"Following consideration of the strong feedback received on the 2013 draft, the Committee has made several significant changes to the document," he said.

Changes include:

- Addition of a separate and independent building for the Lorne Aquatic and Angling Club (LAAC) in a similar location to its current building;
- Reincorporation of a northern vehicle entry to the precinct;
- A drop off / loading zone allowing for large and medium sized bus passenger dropoff and pick-up and commercial loading within the precinct;
- Reconfiguration of parking to provide additional convenience parking close to Maritime Square;
- Reconfiguration of boat trailer parking in main car park;
- Refurbishment of existing public toilets and new toilets incorporated within main building; and
- Opportunity for heritage interpretation and displays to be incorporated into foyer of main building.

Mr. Davies said that submissions were now invited on the revised 2014 draft.

"Due to the time that has passed since the 2013 draft was released and the significant changes that have been made to the design of the precinct, we are now looking for final feedback before we proceed to the next stage of the process.

"It is important for us to ensure that those amendments have the support of the Lorne community and other stakeholders.

The Committee will then consider any feedback received in the development of a final version of the plan," he said.

Mr.Davies said the Committee had deliberated carefully over the changes and undertaken further research and discussions with stakeholders to identify a better supported, alternative approach that still met relevant requirements.

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"We acknowledge the strong interest in this plan and the importance of the precinct to the Lorne community and thank all interested community members and stakeholders for their patience while the revised 2014 draft was developed," said Mr. Davies.

The final version of the plan, which will be developed following consideration of feedback received on the revised 2014 draft, will be used to seek funding to support the next stages of the project.

Next steps will include business case preparation and the development of detailed designs.

The revised 2013 draft can be viewed and submissions can be made online at <u>www.gorcc.com.au</u>

Alternatively, the plan can be viewed and hard copy submission forms can be collected at the following locations:

- The GORCC Office (35 Bell Street, Torquay VIC)
- The Lorne Foreshore Caravan Park Office (2 Great Ocean Road, Lorne VIC)
- The Lorne Visitor Information Centre (15 Mountjoy Parade, Lorne VIC)

The submission period closes midnight, Sunday 19th October 2014.

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