

PUBLIC LAND MANAGEMENT TRANSFERS

Anglesea & Aireys Inlet



Frequently Asked Questions

WHY IS LAND MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY BEING TRANSFERRED TO THE GREAT OCEAN ROAD COAST AND PARKS AUTHORITY (THE AUTHORITY)?

The coast and parks along the Great Ocean Road are so special, and so important to Victorians, that the Victorian Government established the Authority as a dedicated coast and parks manager.

We will have responsibility to protect and manage visitation of the coast and parks along the full length of the Great Ocean Road, enabling a holistic approach to addressing the impacts of increasing visitation, environmental processes, severe weather events and climate change.

As the dedicated coast and parks manager our purpose is to protect, conserve, enhance and manage public land. We are also the designated lead agency for visitation management policy, planning and infrastructure by responsible entities along the Great Ocean Road.

All revenue raised on the land we manage is reinvested back into the Great Ocean Road coast and parks to ensure the special part of the state can be enjoyed now and for generations to come. This includes improved environmental, education, conservation and visitor services right along the coastline.

WHICH ANGLESEA AND AIREYS INLET PUBLIC LAND PARCELS WILL MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY BE TRANSFERRED?

The transfer of management responsibility for public land parcels in Anglesea and Aireys Inlet will occur in stages before 1 November, 2025.

The first stage, which came into effect on 1 February 2024, involves parcels currently under management with the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) and Surf Coast Shire Council (the Council), these include:

- Land along the banks of the Anglesea River on the ocean-side of the Great Ocean Road
- The Lions Park Playground and car park in Anglesea
- The Anglesea Tennis Club, Bowling Club and Arts Centre (collectively known as Cameron Park)
- The Edna Bowman Reserve, Anglesea
- A nature reserve with a lookout inland of the Anglesea Surf Life Saving Club
- An Aireys Inlet bushland reserve
- The Aireys Inlet Recreation Reserve



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The next stage involves parcels which make up the Split Point Lighthouse precinct in Aireys Inlet, including the car park near the lighthouse, the lighthouse itself, and the area of vegetation and trails on the cliffside of the lighthouse. Land management responsibility for these parcels will occur on 1 May 2024.

The final stage will focus on areas in Anglesea north of the Great Ocean Road, such as Coogoorah Park, the Anglesea River and surrounding riverbank areas. These parcels are currently under the management of the Council, DEECA and Parks Victoria. Each of these areas has high environmental and local significance, and we will continue to work with the community and stakeholders to improve our understanding of the land prior to transfer.

Maps of the transfer areas are available at www.haveyoursay.greatoceanroadauthority.vic.gov.au/land-transfers

These maps will be updated as the project progresses.

WHAT WILL CHANGE FOLLOWING THE TRANSFERS?

We will work closely with DEECA, Council and Parks Victoria to ensure the smooth transition of management responsibility for these parcels so the local community and visitors should not experience any change in the way they use the areas.

While our short-to-medium term management of this land will remain consistent with that applied by the previous

land managers, we are engaging with community to best understand the areas and shape our management plans for the future.

We are committed to being transparent and accountable in our management of land for which we have responsibility. This includes working with and listening to the community and stakeholders to understand their views or concerns about land for which management responsibility is transferring.

We're also working with Traditional Owners to respect the cultural values and aspirations of the land and waters.

HOW CAN I BE INVOLVED IN SHAPING THE FUTURE LAND MANAGEMENT OF THESE AREAS?

As part of the Anglesea and Aireys Inlet land management transfers we are seeking to understand what the community and stakeholders value most about these areas and their aspirations for future land management.

To have your say, share your valuable knowledge and to stay up to date with our land management transfer updates, please www.haveyoursay.greatoceanroadauthority.vic.gov.au/land-transfers

Feedback from the community, visitors and stakeholders will help shape how we manage these parcels in the future.



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WHO CAN I CONTACT IF I HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE LAND MANAGEMENT TRANSFERS?

Enquiries relating to these land management transfers and future land management transfers should be directed to the Authority.

Phone: [1300 736 533](tel:1300736533)

Email: info@greatoceanroadauthority.vic.gov.au

WHY IS MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY BEING TRANSFERRED IN STAGES?

The transfer of management responsibility for parcels vary in complexity due to the purpose of use, zonings, environmental considerations and maintenance requirements, which will take time to work through to ensure a smooth transition of management responsibilities.

HOW ARE THE LAND PARCELS SELECTED FOR MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY TRANSFER?

The Great Ocean Road and Environs Protection Act 2020 sets out the management responsibility of public land reserves and National Parks Act 1975 land located within the Great Ocean Road coast and parks region that will be transferred to our organisation by 1 November 2025. The boundaries of the public land or marine areas are outlined in separate titles

and individually surveyed. This work is undertaken in line with existing State Government processes for the treatment of public land.

WILL THESE LAND MANAGEMENT TRANSFERS IMPACT NEARBY PRIVATE LAND?

There are no impacts on adjacent or nearby private landowners / freehold land. Management is being transferred for public land only.

IS THE AUTHORITY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE GREAT OCEAN ROAD IN THESE AREAS?

The roads in Anglesea, Aireys Inlet and beyond are funded and maintained by VicRoads. Any issues related to these roads should be forwarded directly to VicRoads by calling [13 11 70](tel:131170) or by visiting their website – www.vicroads.vic.gov.au

USEFUL RESOURCES

[The land we manage Great Ocean Road Coast and Parks Authority \(greatoceanroadauthority.vic.gov.au\)](http://www.greatoceanroadauthority.vic.gov.au)

[Great Ocean Road and Environs Protection Act 2020 \(legislation.vic.gov.au\)](http://www.legislation.vic.gov.au)

[Great Ocean Road Action Plan \(planning.vic.gov.au\)](http://www.planning.vic.gov.au)



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