

Siting and design guidelines

for structures on the Victorian Coast

Fact Sheet



The siting and design guidelines for structures on the Victorian coast have been updated.

What are the guidelines?

The guidelines provide best practice advice on the siting and design of structures on the Victorian coast.

They are used in conjunction with the *Victorian Marine and Coastal Policy 2020*, which outline the State Government's directions for planning and management of Victoria's marine and coastal environment.

The revised guidelines build on the original *Siting and design guidelines for structures on the Victorian coast 1998* and consider the challenges of climate change impacts and population growth.

Why is good design important on the coast?

Victoria's marine and coastal environment is dynamic and changeable and is in high demand for a range of uses and we need to be smart in how we plan, design, build and manage structures on the coast.

The guidelines aim to provide a creative and innovative approach to development in the marine and coastal environment which consider the challenges of climate change and population growth and helps care for and protect Victoria's coast.

How do they work?

They are structured around 15 **fundamental considerations**, that guide the design of every structure. Examining and addressing each of these considerations forms the foundation for excellence in siting and design.

While *the Victorian Marine and Coastal Policy 2020* is the key policy document for assessing development proposals on the coast. The guidelines provide further details, examples of excellence and guidance on how to apply the policies.

Where do they apply?

They apply to the planning and management of matters relating to, and affecting, the marine and coastal environment.

This includes coastal, estuarine and marine environments on public and private land.

Regardless of land title, development in the coastal landscape should follow these guidelines.

Who uses them?

They're used as a design tool for individuals and groups who are developing proposals for structures on the coast, like local councils, committees of management, community groups, design consultants, architects and developers.

The guidelines are also a tool for individuals and groups who are involved in assessment and approval processes for development proposals on the coast. These include state and local government planners and managers, public authorities and agencies, coastal committees of management and Representative Aboriginal Parties.

Will this affect proposals that are already in development or being assessed?

The *Victorian Marine and Coastal Policy 2020* is the key policy document for assessing development proposals on the coast. The guidelines provide further direction and best practice for siting and design of structures on the coast.

They should be considered in how they might be applied to proposals currently under consideration. All new projects and proposals, or those in preparation, should follow the guidance provided.

What policy should we use?

The *Victorian Marine and Coastal Policy 2020* is the state-wide policy for the use and development of the Victorian coast.



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