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Dear Chris,

Future Management of Westernport Foreshores

I refer to your letter to me dated 1 April 2016 advising that an expert panel has been convened to review the management of coastal Crown land across the state and that a discussion paper will be released for public consultation. Your letter has been considered by the Shoreham Committee of Management at its last meeting.

The Committee welcomes the development outlined in your letter as a considerable improvement from the process that we had understood the Department was intending to follow in respect of Westernport foreshore management. As you know from your meeting with the Committee, it had real concerns about that process and the drivers for it.

The Committee would welcome the opportunity to engage with, and assist the expert panel insofar as it is able. Please provide the best contact address for the expert panel.

Further, to provide the most useful assistance, it would be helpful if both the names and background of the members of the panel could be advised. That would permit any contribution made on, say, the economic management of camp grounds or on ecological issues, to be appropriately targeted to the level of expertise of the Panel members.

One contribution the Committee wishes to make at this stage is for the crown land that is the foreshore between Shoreham and Flinders to be considered. This land is currently not managed as part of the Shoreham Foreshore reserve or as part of the Bass Trust and is entirely neglected by the Department. Any Panel considering management of the Westernport foreshore should be aware there is no management of this strip at all.

Yours Sincerely

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