

How QCoast2100 informed Victoria's approach to adaptation

QCoast2100 forum June 2025



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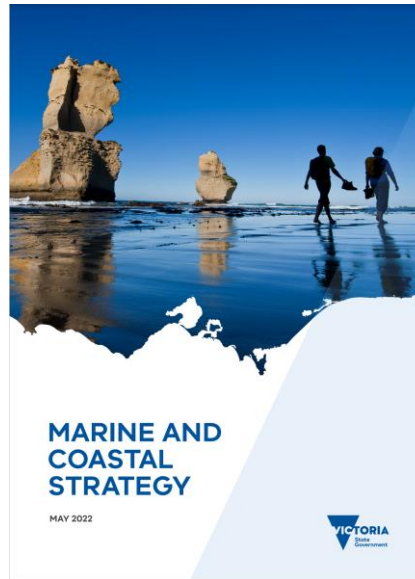
Victorian context

2600km+ of coast



Marine and
Coastal Act (2018)

Objectives and
guiding principles



Marine and Coastal Act 2018, Policy (2020) and Strategy (2022)

VICTORIA'S RESILIENT COAST Adapting for 2100+

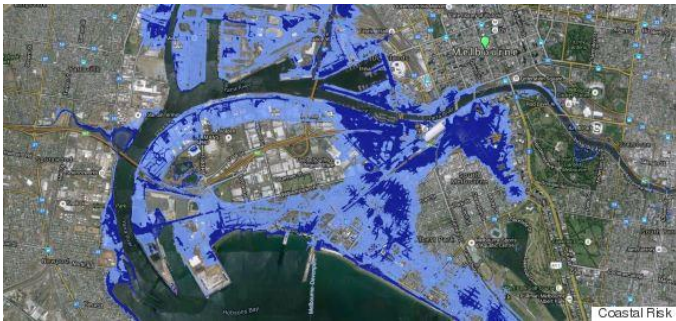
Framework and guidelines
A strategic approach to coastal hazard risk management and adaptation



Victoria's Resilient Coast – Adapting for 2100+ (marineandcoasts.vic.gov.au)

Coastal hazards

- Natural processes that may have a negative impact on coastal uses and values
- Current impacts already occurring, increasing with future climate and sea level rise



Victorian definitions

Category	Process/ coastal hazard
Erosion	Short-term erosion: Event-based erosion of sediment (storm-bite) and recovery Long-term erosion (recession): Progressive retreat of shoreline position over time
Accretion	Short- or long-term build-up of sediment in a localised area
Inundation	Storm tide inundation Temporary event-based inundation Permanent inundation Regular or persistent inundation by the regular tidal cycle
Estuary dynamics	Changes in form and processes associated with estuarine and tidal areas
Off-shore sediment dynamics	Changes in form and processes associated with offshore bathymetry and sediment transport
Saline intrusion	Movement of saltwater into freshwater aquifers/groundwater

A strategic approach

Victoria's Resilient Coast – Adapting for 2100+

A strategic approach to coastal hazard risk management and adaptation.

Purpose:

- To support Local Government, land managers and communities to adapt to the impacts of climate change on the coast
- To enable place-based, best practice, long-term (2100+) coastal hazard adaptation
- To build on the directions in the Marine and Coastal Policy.



Outputs:

Framework



Guidelines



Funding support



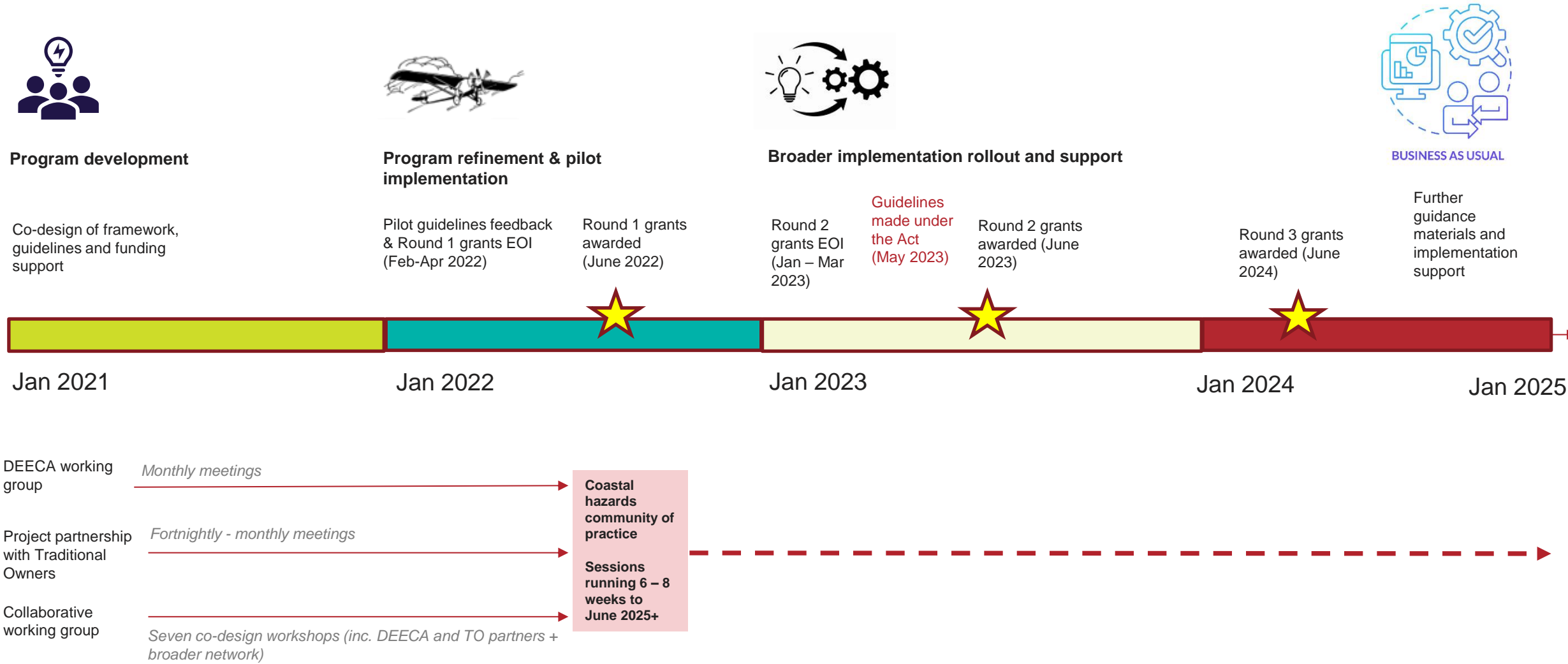
Taking our cues from QCoast2100



1. Shape an approach to meet the needs of Councils/land managers
2. Create great guidance material
3. Provide grants & program support



1. Shaping our approach

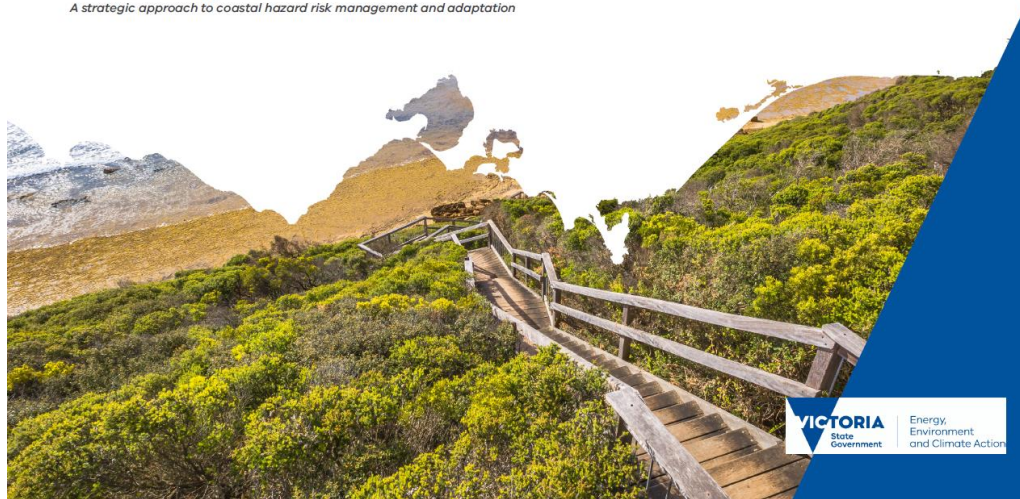


2. Creating guidance material

Framework and guidelines (May 2023)

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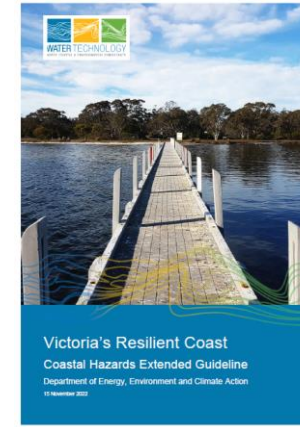
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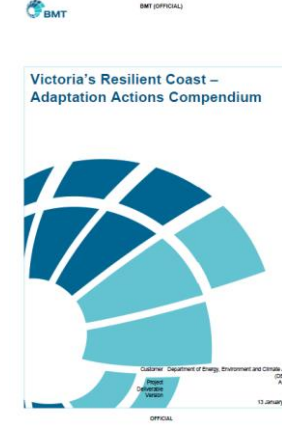
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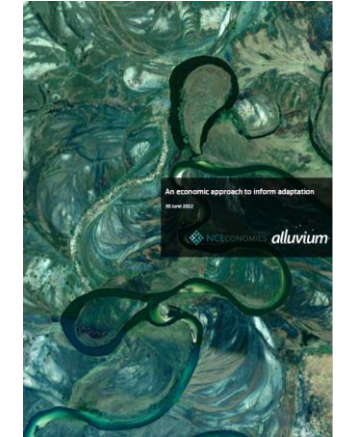
Supporting technical materials and resources



Hazards technical guide



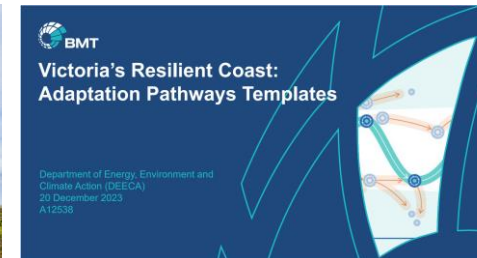
Adaptation actions compendium



Economics for adaptation guide



Sea Country adaptation



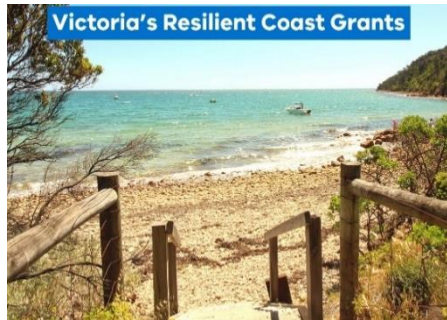
Adaptation pathways templates

+ Coming soon...

Coastal hazard assessment technical guideline (1st, 2nd, 3rd pass)

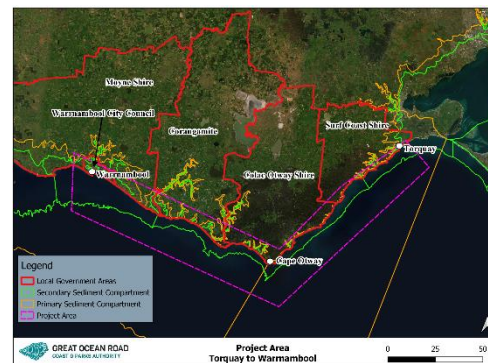
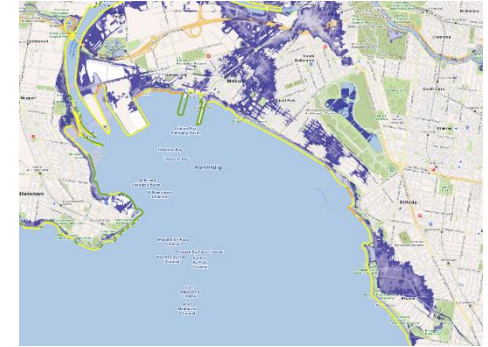
Coastal hazards advice position paper (inc. erosion advice)

3. Grants and program support



- \$2.8M grants awarded over 2022 – 2024
- >\$5M invested
- 30+ projects to date across the State
- Additional implementation occurring more broadly
- Land manager & partnerships led adaptation planning
- Statewide community of practice (sessions every 8 weeks)
- Ongoing DEECA support.

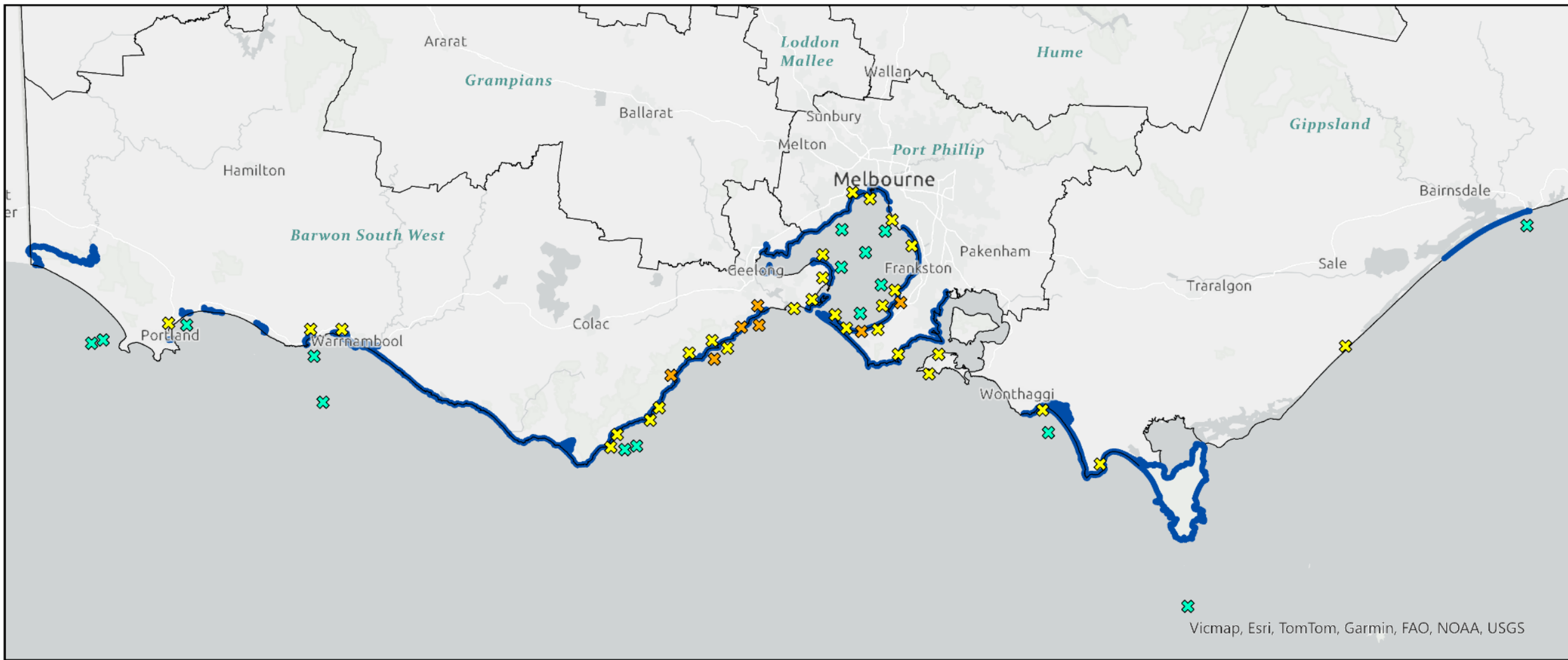
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Progress to date

- **Regional / LGA wide** adaptation planning
 - multiple values and framework stages
- **Local area** adaptation planning
 - focused on specific areas, hazards / issues
- **Estuary dynamics** and adaptation planning
 - coastal hazard adaptation for estuary systems and floodplains, inc. ICOLL management
- **Ecosystem / landscape** adaptation planning
 - coastal hazard adaptation planning with a focus on bio-cultural landscapes, marine and terrestrial ecosystems.





Legend

— Coastal Adaptation Plan*



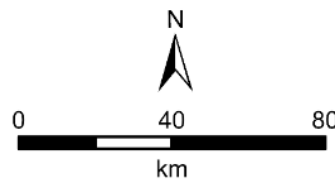
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(6-8 week survey frequency)

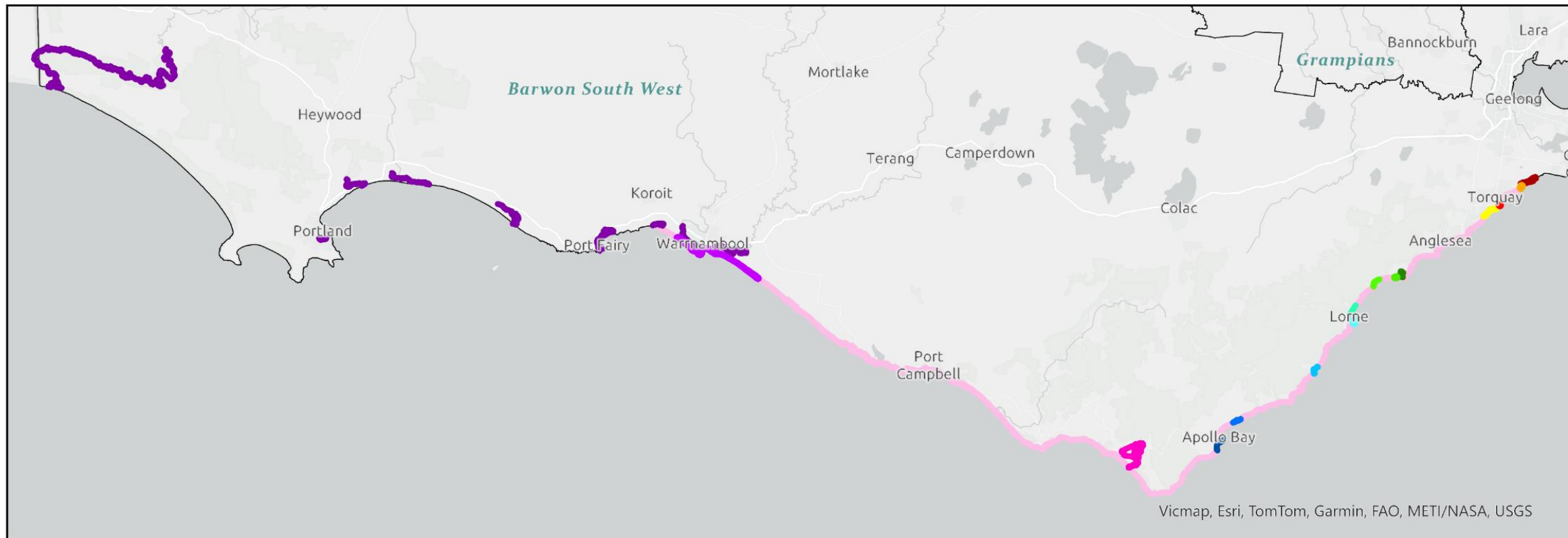


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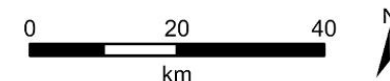
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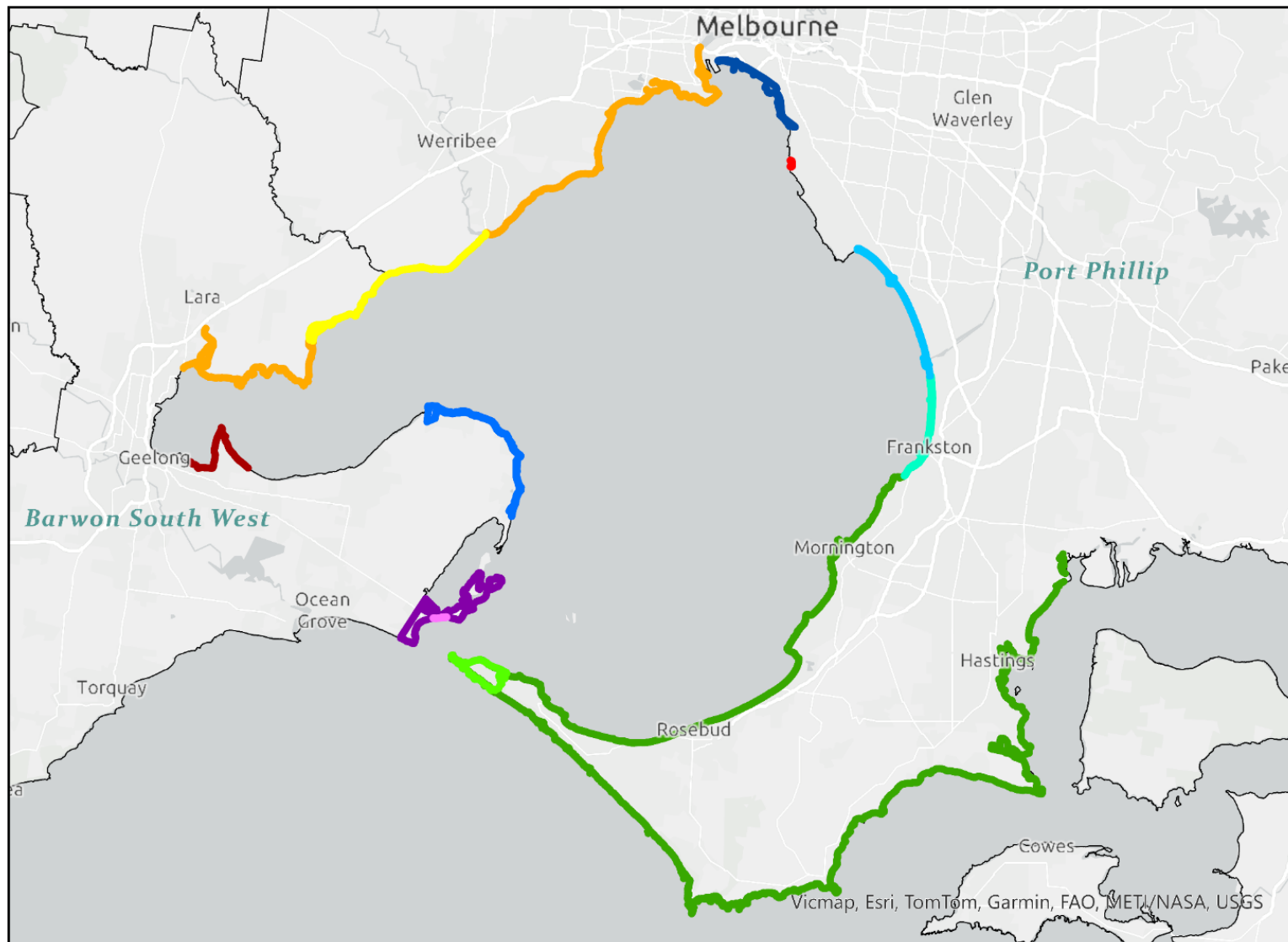




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| <p> Climate Resilience & Protection - Warrnambool City Council</p> <p> Distribution, health & restoration of estuarine seagrass meadows - Glenelg Hopkins CMA</p> <p> Aire Valley Estuary Floodplain Project Part 2 - Corangamite CMA</p> | <p> Mounts Bay Adaptation Plan - DEECA (lead agency)</p> <p> Skenes Creek Site Adaptation Plan - GORCAPA</p> <p> Wye River Site Adaptation Plan - DEECA (lead agency)</p> | <p> Point Grey Coastal Hazard Adaptation Plan - GORCAPA</p> <p> North Lorne Site Adaptation Plan - GORCAPA</p> <p> Eastern View Coastal Adaptation Plan - DEECA (lead agency)</p> | <p> Fairhaven SLSC Site Adaptation Plan & Response to Erosion - GORCAPA</p> <p> Painkalac Estuary Flood Risk Project - Surf Coast Shire Council</p> <p> Cosy Corner Site Adaptation Plan - GORCAPA</p> | <p> Jan Juc Site Adaptation Plan - GORCAPA</p> <p> Point Impossible Cultural Heritage Protection - GORCAPA</p> <p> Bancoora Coastal Adaptation Plan - Barwon Coast CoM</p> | <p> Regional Coastal Adaptation Plan - GORCAPA</p> <p> DEECA Region</p> <p><i>Additional site-based adaptation planning projects may be underway in Victoria</i></p> |
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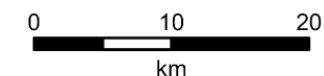


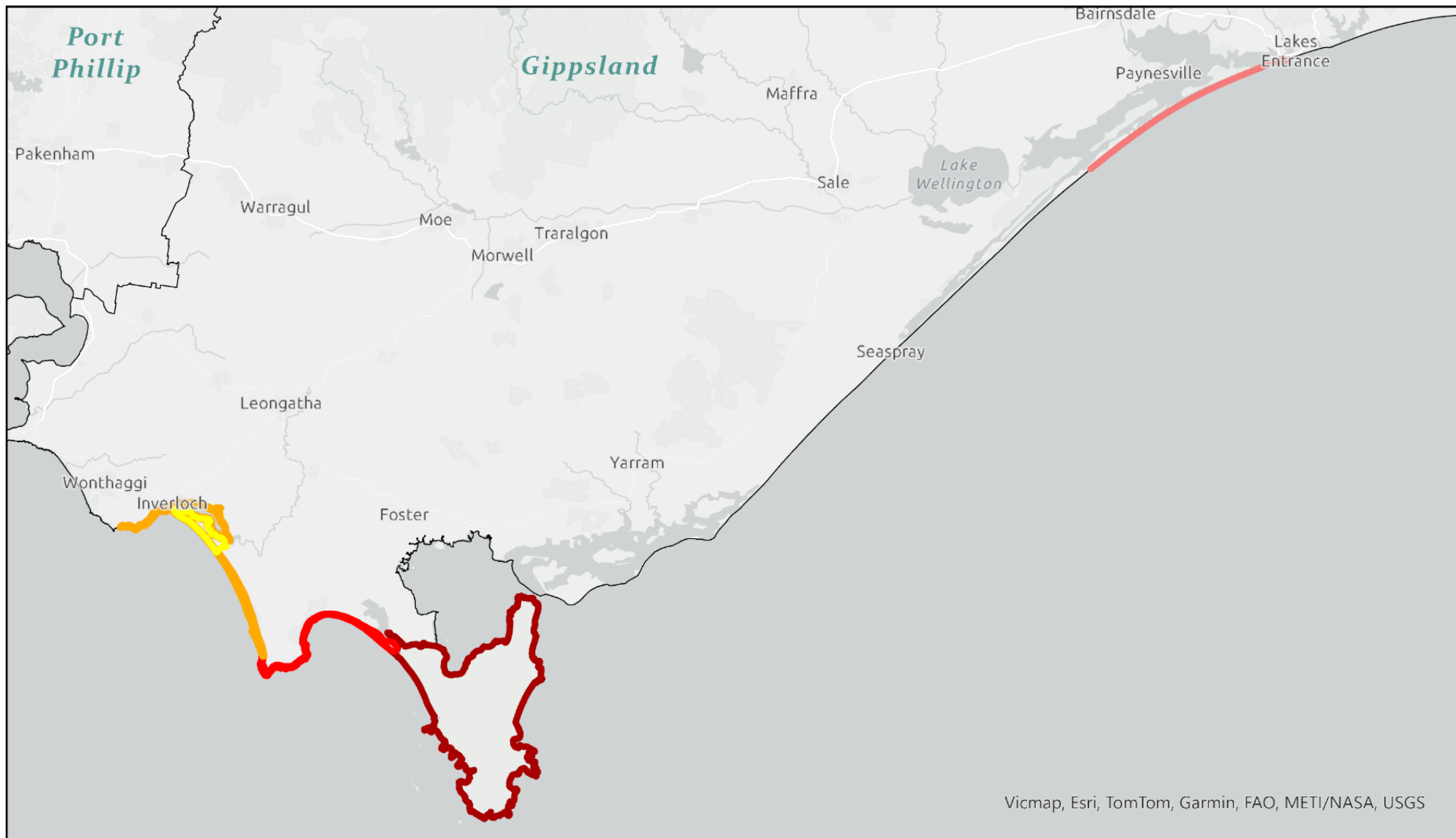


Additional site-based adaptation planning projects may be underway in Victoria



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|  Queenscliff Dog Beach - Borough of Queenscliff |  Port Phillip Coastal Resilience Project - City of Port Phillip |
|  Queenscliff & Point Lonsdale Cliff Stability and Beach Health Study - Borough of Queenscliff |  Dendy Street Beach Scoping Study - Bayside City Council |
|  Northern Bellarine Climate Change Coastal Adaptation Plan - Bellarine Bayside CoM |  Kingston Council Coastal Resilience Project - Kingston City Council |
|  Moolap Wetlands Environmental Management Plan - DEECA (lead agency) |  Frankston City Coastal Resilience 2100 - Frankston City Council |
|  Western Treatment Plant Coastal Hazard Assessment & Adaptation Planning Project - Melbourne Water |  Point Nepean Scoping Study - Parks Victoria |
|  Adapt West Shaping our Shores Project - DEECA (lead agency) |  Mornington Peninsula Coastal Strategy - Mornington Peninsula Shire Council |
| |  Mornington Peninsula Our Coast Our Future - Mornington Peninsula Shire Council |
| |  DEECA Region |

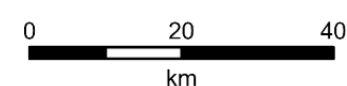




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-  Venus Bay Saltmarsh Project - South Gippsland Shire Council
-  Cape To Cape Resilience Project - DEECA (lead agency)
-  Waratah Bay Coastal Hazard Assessment and Adaptation Plan - South Gippsland Shire Council
-  Wilsons Promontory Coastal Hazard and Resilience Plan additional technical assessment - Parks Victoria
-  Gippsland Ports priority asset local hazard adaptation plan - Gippsland Ports CoM
-  DEECA Region

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Reflections from the frontline





Victoria loves wave tanks



Victoria also loves big maps

Some areas along the Mornington Peninsula coastline are affected by erosion and inundation

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Synopsis

- Coastal hazard adaptation progressing
- Vic program well established, embedding into BaU
- Challenges remain
- Building on current base into the future.

Relevant Coast to Coast talks:

- **Three barriers to long-term strategic adaptation** (Elisa Zavadil) 9am Friday 6 June
- **Cape to Cape Resilience Project:** Implementing Victoria's first regional coastal adaptation plan (Cass Philippou) 11am Friday 6 June
- **Science Communication in the Victorian Coastal Monitoring Program** (Blake Allan) 11:35am Friday 6 June

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