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Dear Ms Haddow, Ms Duncan, Ms Kilborn, Dr Meredith and Dr Wescott,

Comment on: Assessment of Victoria's Coastal Reserves Draft Report

### **Signage at Westernport Ramsar site**

This is to request that VEAC make a recommendation that larger and improved signage, better positioned in the beach, be placed at the commencement of the Ramsar site at the eastern end of 'Silverleaves' on the northern coast of Phillip Island.

These photograph of the 'No Dogs' sign, high on the beach at the site, show the inadequacy of the current signage to protect the values of the Ramsar site to the east, with the persistent presence of dogs.





What is required at the site is large signage, placed lower in the beach, telling of the prohibition of dogs, and the existence, and values, of the Ramsar site.

### **Protection of rock platforms**

I am most concerned at the current behaviour of people on rock platforms on the coast of Phillip Island, with loose dogs being allowed to run over these areas at low tide, and the collecting of creatures from this habitat.

I have observed that this behaviour is inhibiting foraging by Hooded Plovers (including chicks), Oyster-catchers and other shorebirds.

This is to request that VEAC recommend the placement of IN-BEACH signage telling of the habitat values of rock platforms, and that VEAC make a recommendation for a restriction of activities at these locations.

Yours sincerely,

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