



NO WAY ONE WAY Information Pack

Inverloch residents opposing the permanent one-way conversion of Surf Parade between Ozone Street and Goroke Street

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1. What's Being Proposed?

Bass Coast Shire Council proposes to **permanently convert Surf Parade to one-way traffic (east to west, out of town)** between Ozone Street and Goroke Street as part of a shared pathway project to the Surf Lifesaving Club.

We fully support the shared pathway — it's a great community asset with State Government grant funding. But the **permanent one-way conversion is a separate decision**, and it's the wrong one.

Surf Parade experiences significant congestion for roughly **8 weeks during summer**. For the remaining **44 weeks** of the year, it works fine as a two-way road. A permanent one-way conversion is a disproportionate response to a seasonal problem.

2. Why We Oppose It

The permanent one-way will create inconvenience and safety issues for the community and serious problems for surrounding streets.

Permanent Impost for a Seasonal Problem

Congestion on Surf Parade occurs for around 8 weeks in summer. For the other 44 weeks, it functions well as a two-way road. Why impose year-round restrictions for a short-term issue?

Unsafe Diversion onto Narrow Residential Streets

Vehicles will be forced to divert via Goroke Street onto Lohr Avenue and Ripple Drive — narrow residential streets with no footpaths, no curbs, and where pedestrians including children and elderly residents walk on the road.

Mitigations Won't Work

A "no right turn" sign or traffic island at Goroke Street won't stop drivers. Experience across Australia shows regulatory signage is routinely ignored, and GPS navigation will quickly route traffic through residential streets.



3. Better Alternatives Exist

These aren't theoretical — they are proven solutions successfully used in other Australian coastal communities facing identical challenges.

The ORIGINAL and Best Model — Path, Parking and Two-Way Traffic

Several reputable qualified independent traffic and civil engineers, who are ratepayers of Inverloch, have developed viable schemes that achieve shared pathway, car parking and two-way traffic along Surf Parade — all within the titled Road Reserve spatial allocation. These can be undertaken without encroaching into coastal vegetation and conform to acceptable standards.

The Phillip Island Model — Seasonal Temporary One-Way

Bass Coast Shire already runs the "blue line" temporary traffic system on Phillip Island for MotoGP. If Council can manage that, it can manage a seasonal arrangement on Surf Parade during summer only.

Standard Australian Practice — Signal-Controlled Alternating Traffic

Traffic signals at each end of the 570m section, alternating direction. Used on hundreds of narrow bridges and road sections across Australia. Two-way access preserved — no traffic diverted to residential streets.

The Mornington Peninsula Model — Traffic Calming & Speed Reduction

Reduce speed to 30–40 km/h and install traffic calming. The pathway construction already narrows the road — work with it. Slower traffic is safer traffic, without diverting vehicles onto Lohr Ave and Ripple Drive.

The Noosa Model — Seasonal Park-and-Ride Shuttle

Noosa's free "Go Noosa" shuttle recorded 300,000+ trips over summer, directly reducing foreshore traffic. A shuttle from the Inverloch Recreation Reserve during the 8-week peak would achieve the same result — no road changes needed.



4. What You Can Do

Every submission counts. Council must consider every response it receives.

1. **Send your objection letter** — Visit www.inverlochnowayoneway.com and click "Send a Pre-Made Objection Letter". We'll email you a ready-to-forward letter with all councillor addresses included. It takes 2 minutes.
2. **Submit your own objection to Council** — Post or deliver to: CEO, Bass Coast Shire Council, PO Box 118, Wonthaggi VIC 3995. Deadline: 5pm Wednesday 1st April 2026.
3. **Sign the community petition** — Contact us to add your name, or look out for the petition in your neighbourhood.
4. **Share with your neighbours** — Spread the word on Inverloch community groups, letterbox drops, or simply talk to your neighbours. Volume of submissions matters.

5. Template Submission Letter to Council

Use this letter as a template. Fill in your name and address, then send it to the decision makers listed on the next page. You can also visit www.inverlochnowayoneway.com to have this letter emailed to you automatically.

[Your Name]

[Your Address]

[Date]

Attention: Councillors

Attention: CEO Bass Coast Shire Council

Attention: Sustainable Transport and Movement Team

Bass Coast Shire Council

PO Box 117 Wonthaggi 3995

RE: Submission opposing the permanent one-way conversion of Surf Parade between Ozone Street and Goroke Street, Inverloch

I am a ratepayer in Inverloch and I write to formally oppose the proposed permanent one-way conversion of Surf Parade between Ozone Street and Goroke Street.

I fully support the extension of the construction of the shared pathway to the Surf Lifesaving Club and recognise the importance of the State Government grant funding (as mentioned by Cr Tessari when he moved the motion at the February Council meeting), I submit that the permanent one-way conversion is a disproportionate response to what is primarily a seasonal traffic issue, and that it will create serious and unacceptable safety risks on surrounding residential streets.

I respectfully request that Council consider the practical alternatives, which achieve the shared pathway objectives without the permanent displacement of traffic onto streets that cannot safely accommodate it.

In particular, I understand that several reputable qualified independent traffic and civil engineers who are ratepayers of Inverloch, have developed viable schemes that achieve, Shared Pathway, Carparking and two-way traffic along Surf Parade - all within the titled Road Reserve spatial allocation. I believe that this can be undertaken without the need to encroach into the current coastal vegetation and at the same time conform to acceptable standards.

Given this information, I respectfully request that this concept, in the first instance, be reconsidered and that all data and/or information pertaining to decisions upon this be made available to ratepayers, if requested. This will lead to transparency in decision making and help rebuild community trust with reference this specific project.

1. The Core Problem: A Permanent Solution to a Seasonal Problem

Surf Parade experiences significant congestion primarily during the peak tourist season - approximately 8 weeks from mid-December to mid-February. For the remaining 44 weeks of the year, the road operates

more than adequately as a two-way carriageway.

A permanent one-way conversion imposes year-round community inconvenience and traffic displacement to address a problem that exists for only a fraction of the year. This is disproportionate.

As a community, we are the ones who have to live with poor decisions and planning.

2. Traffic Displacement onto Unsafe Streets

The one-way conversion will force vehicles travelling east along Surf Parade to divert at Goroke Street. Drivers wishing to return towards the town centre will inevitably seek the shortest route back, which means turning onto Lohr Avenue and/or Ripple Drive.

Both of these streets are:

- Narrow - insufficient width for two vehicles to pass safely when cars are parked on the street
- Without footpaths or sidewalks - pedestrians, including children, elderly residents, and dog walkers, are forced to walk on the road surface
- Without curbing - there is no physical separation between the road and residential properties
- Quiet residential streets - they were never designed to function as arterial traffic routes
- It is my understanding that no amenity upgrades are planned or budgeted for these streets to cater for any possible increased traffic volume.

The proposed possible mitigations (a "no right turn" sign or traffic island at Goroke Street) are inadequate. Experience across Australia shows that:

- Regulatory signage is routinely ignored without active enforcement
- GPS navigation systems and local knowledge will quickly identify the Lohr Avenue/Ripple Drive loop as the fastest return route
- Traffic islands do not prevent vehicles from making the prohibited turn

3. What I Request of Council

- Separate the shared pathway construction from the one-way conversion - proceed with the pathway under its own merits and funding
- Do not proceed with the permanent one-way conversion of Surf Parade between Ozone Street and Goroke Street
- Give proper consideration and planning to the management of traffic for the 8 week period that does not impact on the entire community for the rest of the year.

4. Conclusion

I fully support the shared pathway.

I do not support a permanent one-way conversion that will push traffic onto narrow, unsafe residential streets for the sake of addressing a problem that occurs for only 8 weeks of the year.

Practical, proven and better alternatives exist. I urge Council to consider them seriously.

Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission.

Yours sincerely,

[Your Name]



6. Decision Maker Contact Details

Send your submission to ALL of the following email addresses:

Name	Email Address
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