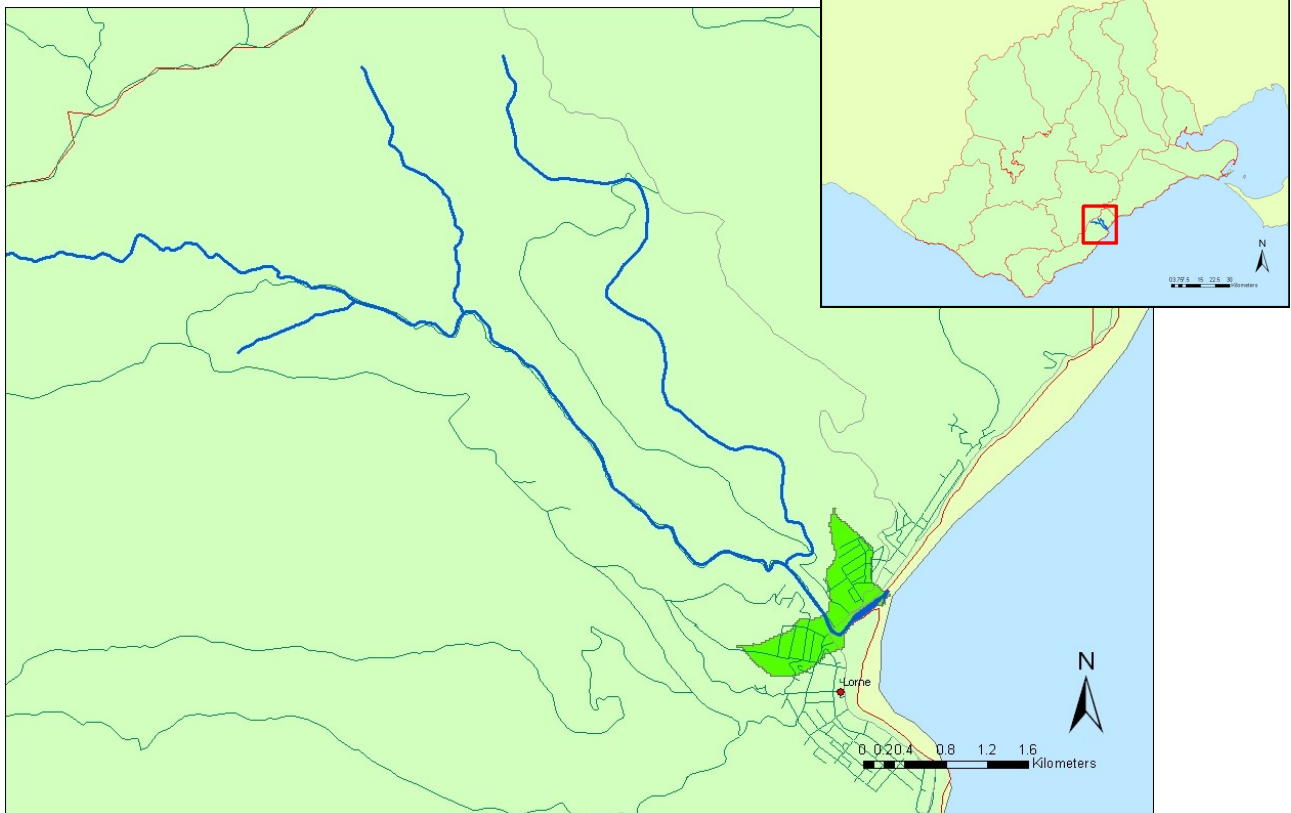
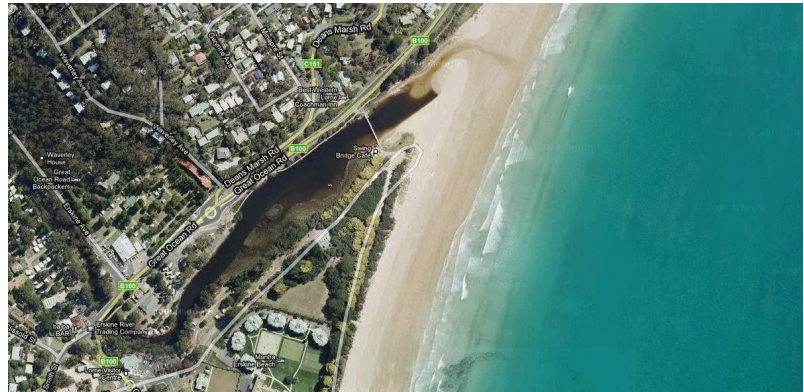


Erskine River

Characteristics:

Type of Estuary:	River
Landscape Zone:	Otway Coast
Catchment Area:	72 Ha
Estuary Area:	3.383 Ha
Estuary Length:	0.845 km
River Length:	11.541 km
Mouth Direction:	East facing
Mouth State:	Intermittently open
Location:	143°58'45.9274" E 38°31'58.4153" S
Distance from Apollo Bay:	36.572 km North East



Supplementary Data:

Estuary Watch
(P-Chem Data / Physical Observations)
<http://www.estuarywatch.com.au/>

Colac Otway Shire Council
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Erskine River

Special Attributes

Zones:

- 84% of the catchment zoned as Public Conservation & Resource.
- 12% of the catchment zoned as Environmental Rural.
- 2% of the catchment zoned as Residential.
- 1% of the catchment zoned as Public Park and Recreation.
- 1% of the catchment zoned as Public Use, Special Use and Business.

Overlays:

- Environmental significance (covering the Lorne SWSC)
- Significant landscape (covering the lower riparian reaches)
- Vegetation protection (covering all Environmental Rural Zones)
- Wildfire management (entire catchment)



Estuarine Vegetation

EVC Name	Area (Ha) (Approx.)	Geographic Occurrence	Conservation Status
Estuarine Wetland	1.28	Minor	Endangered
Shrubby Foothill Forest	275.83	Common	Least Concern
Shrubby Wet Forest	120.24	Common	Least Concern
Dry Forest	31.59	Minor	Depleted

Key Management Issues:

Australian Grayling: The fish species with the greatest conservation need in the Otway region.

Camping: Two popular camping grounds exist adjacent to the Erskine River: The Erskine River Caravan Park and The Ocean Road Caravan Park.

Passive Recreation: Includes many walkways, trails and boardwalks as well as a footbridge beside the Great Ocean Rd. Another popular site is Erskine Falls, one of the highest drops in the Otways and are probably the most well-known and visited falls in the Otways.

European Heritage: A heritage-listed Rubble and Masonry Overflow Weir exists on the Erskine River.

Listed Landscape: The Surf Coast Shire's Planning Scheme has placed a Significant Landscape Overlay covering the lower riparian reaches of the Erskine River.

Flagship Species: The estuary contains Black Bream.

Tourism: Great Ocean Road is Victoria's second most popular tourist destination, attracting between 12 and 14 percent of all visitors within the state. Value of tourism in the GOR region is estimated at \$940 million.

Special Water Supply Catchment: High Value Waterway.