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4WD & Off-Road Vehicle Management Strategy

About the project

What is the 4WD and Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) Management Strategy? A regional plan for how four-wheel drive and off-road vehicle use on the coast from Rockingham to Busselton is managed. It will include a regional strategy and a local action plan for each of the nine local governments.

Why is it being done now? Beach driving is popular and growing, vehicles are more capable than they used to be, and parts of the coast are under pressure from erosion. Local governments have asked for a coordinated approach so that rules and management are consistent along the coast.

Who is running it? The Peron Naturaliste Partnership, a collaboration of nine local governments, is leading the project. Seashore Engineering has been engaged to deliver it. A steering group of local government and State Government representatives guides the work.

How is it funded? Through the State Government's CoastWA program, with co-funding from the Peron Naturaliste Partnership.

Who have you spoken to so far? Local government staff and Rangers, the steering group, and some community and user groups. The project team has visited beaches in Waroona, Busselton and Bunbury and met community members at Preston Beach. Wider community engagement starts with the survey in early 2027.

Access

Do the current rules change while the strategy is being prepared? No. Existing local laws and rules continue to apply. Each local government and the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions sets the rules for the land it manages, so check with your local council before you drive.

Will every beach end up with the same rules? The strategy aims for consistency where it makes sense, such as signs, information and codes of conduct. Local conditions differ, so each local government will have its own action plan.

Does this cover quad bikes and trail bikes? Yes. The strategy covers road-registered 4WDs and unregistered off-road vehicles such as quad bikes, trail bikes and buggies. They raise different issues and may need different responses.

Having your say

How can I have my say? Through a community survey and drop-in sessions in early 2027, and by commenting on the draft strategy later in 2027. To hear when the survey and drop-in sessions open, please email the project team.

I don't drive on the beach. Is my view wanted? Yes. The strategy affects everyone who uses the coast, including swimmers, walkers, fishers, horse riders and people who live nearby.

My group wants to be involved. How? Community, user and environmental groups will be invited to nominate a representative to the stakeholder reference group. If you would like your group to be considered, please email the project team.

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How will my feedback be used? All feedback will be considered alongside technical information. A summary of what we heard will be published on the project page after each stage.

Has anything already been decided? No. The project is at an early, information-gathering stage. Options will be developed after the community survey and tested at drop-in sessions before a draft is prepared.

What happens next

When will the strategy be finished? A draft is expected in mid to late 2027, with the final strategy going to each council after public comment.

Who will put the strategy into practice? Each local government, working with State agencies and community partners. The strategy will set priorities, indicative costs and funding options. Detailed local implementation will follow as a later stage.

Who do I contact about a problem on a beach right now? Your local council's Rangers. In an emergency call 000.