CONTEXT

French Island, Sandstone Island and Elizabeth Island are located approximately 65 kilometres south-east of Melbourne in Western Port Bay.

French Island has a land area of around 17,000 hectares and sits approximately five kilometres east of Stony Point, 10 kilometres south of Tooradin and five kilometres north of Phillip Island. Interfacing municipalities, although separated by the waters of Western Port Bay, are the Shires of Mornington Peninsula, Cardinia and Bass Coast.

Sandstone Island has an area of around 22 hectares. Sandstone Island is approximately one kilometre south-east of the Hastings foreshore. The closest point of Sandstone Island to the mainland is at its southern tip where it is about 600 metres from Jacks Beach Reserve at Bittern.

Elizabeth Island is located approximately two kilometres south-east of French Island and has an area of around 26 hectares. Elizabeth Island functions as a tourist accommodation retreat and has limited access and infrastructure to, and around, the Island.