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Bastion's police approval

Human safety will be improved by the controversial Bastion Point boat ramp development, according to the region's top cop, Inspector Clive Williams.

As work on the contentious ocean beach development goes ahead, Insp Williams warned people to bear in mind that safety was the key reason for the boat ramp being built.

He said East Gippsland was "due" for a water fatality and modern facilities such as Bastion Point would help reduce the risk of incidents.

After a recent inspection of the site, Insp Williams said he was also pleased to see cool heads had prevailed at protest sites, where builders should be allowed to work in peace and protesters allowed to

protest peacefully.

East Gippsland Shire Council has doggedly backed its plans to push ahead with the multi-million dollar boat ramp and break water complex, which it claims will "dramatically improve" safety for commercial and recreational boat users.

Approved last year after years of bitter debate, the council's Option 3B plan has been unpopular with many Mallacoota residents, some of whom have taken their argument to Parliament House in Melbourne and actively protested construction, saying the development is oversized and would damage the environment.

Protesters have labelled the breakwater a costly "white elephant".



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