

Study on existing boat ramp upgrade

Member for Gippsland East, Tim Bull has said the current State Government will, while East Gippsland Shire's Bastion Point ocean access option 3B proposal was awaiting cultural heritage approval, would complete a study on the Save Bastion Point Group's option proposing an upgrade on the existing site.

"This study is presently taking place and 3B is still waiting cultural heritage approval," Mr Bull said.

"When these two tasks are completed, the Government will have a much clearer picture of the issue and a decision will be made based on

these outcomes and that decision will consider funding of whichever outcome is preferred."

Mr Bull said that a further economic study, like the one conducted by Buchan Consulting, would be unnecessary.

"East Gippsland Shire is the proponent of the project, not State Government. The previous government was asked for funds for construction only. Depending on the outcome of the studies/approvals, I cannot necessarily see a need for a future economic benefit study."

Prior to last year's state election, the Labor Government under Roads and Ports Minister Tim Pallas announced \$6.2



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million in funding for the construction and development of 3B, the ramp at Bastion Point, claiming that the ramp would improve the safety of swimmers and beach users by separating them from the boat launching area.