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Bastion Point decision unlikely before Christmas

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The Victorian Government is unlikely to make a decision about a controversial proposal for a boat ramp in far East Gippsland before Christmas.

The East Gippsland Shire Council has sent plans for a boat ramp and breakwater at Bastion Point, near Mallacoota, to the Government for approval.

Community groups worried about the project's environmental impact rallied in Melbourne this week.

Deputy Premier Peter Ryan says he knows the community is waiting for a decision but the Government does not want to rush.

"I think it unlikely that it will occur before Christmas because there are processes going on in relation to assessment of native title matters and that ilk," he said.

"So I don't anticipate pre-Christmas but I am very mindful, very, very mindful that people do want to bring closure to this, as do we all."

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