

POLITICAL LOBBYING KIT, MARCH 2010

It is critical that we maintain the momentum of our campaign at this time when the planning process in Victoria is being destabilised and political parties are preparing for the end of year election. Please continue to voice your concerns about the proposed harbour development at Bastion Point, Mallacoota. There are three actions you can take immediately to make a difference: 1. Write a letter to the politicians listed in this kit. 2. Give them a call to speak directly about your concerns about the proposed development, and 3. Visit your local Member of Parliament.

Please see below recommended information to give politicians and requests you can make to them as part of your lobby efforts.

*The contact details of all politicians we should be lobbying now are at the end of this kit. **Contact as few or as many as you are able. It all helps.** We suggest Minister Jennings and Premier Brumby are the priority, followed by local MPs – but do more if you can!*

1. WRITE TO POLITICIANS

You can post, fax, or email a letter to politicians. Some politicians have blogs on which you can also let them know your views. We suggest that if you blog, you should also post, fax or email to ensure your correspondence is registered with their office.

2. CALL POLITICANS

It would really make an impact if you were to call any of the politicians listed in this lobby kit. You may wish to focus on the two local Members of Parliament who are your elected representatives in the Victorian Parliament and therefore should be open to listening to the views of constituents. Contact via their electorate office. You may also wish to focus on some of the East Gippsland Shire Councillors as Council still has an influence as to whether the project proceeds or not: it has yet to apply to the Minister for Environment for his consent to begin construction, and if approvals are given, it is the Council who will need to undertake the works.

3. VISIT YOUR LOCAL MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT

You have a lower house MP (Member of the Legislative Assembly, or MLA) and an upper house MP (Member of the Legislative Council, or MLC). It is definitely worth visiting both. This may seem a bit daunting; however visiting your local MPs is a very powerful thing. It gives you a chance to make your concerns personal and explain how building the harbour development known as option 3b will affect you and what you care about.

REQUESTING A MEETING:

- Call your local MPs electorate offices to request a meeting or put your request in writing via a letter or email.
- Do not suggest a date or time, they will get back to you. Do suggest preferred days/times if need be. Office hours are generally better, but after hours can be arranged.
- You should hear back within two weeks. If not, follow up by phone. Ask for the Electorate Officer, give the date of your original call/letter/email and re-iterate your request.

WHAT IS OUR LOBBYING MESSAGE?

Here are some key points for you to raise when taking action to lobby our politicians whether by writing a letter, fax or email, posting a comment on their blogs, calling them on the phone or visiting them in person. It is important to **use your own words** as it will make a greater impact.

- Let them know where you live so they know if you are in their electorate.
- Let them know you are contacting them about the proposed harbour development for Bastion Point, Mallacoota.
- Let them know how the proposed development affects you, eg that you live, holiday or own a house in Mallacoota, and you believe our Victorian coastline is at risk to the detriment of future generations.
- Let them know that the Panel appointed by Minister Madden to conduct an independent Inquiry recommended against the proposal proceeding. It found it had no overall societal benefit, that the economic case was extremely weak, that landscape and wilderness values would be greatly impacted upon to the detriment of tourism, and that the proposal presented extreme risks to safety. See the Panel's Executive Summary at http://savebastionpoint.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/01/Exec_Summary_Panel_Report_2008.pdf. This may be a useful document to take and leave with a politician.
- Let them know that community confidence in the Government and its planning process is being undermined by Justin Madden, Minister for Planning. His support for the harbour development at Bastion Point, contrary to the findings and recommendations of the Inquiry Panel, highlights why the public is concerned.
- *It is critical to ask them to provide an undertaking to help prevent the construction of the harbour development at Bastion Point.*
- *It is also essential to ask them to make a commitment to support the implementation of the recommendations made by the independent Inquiry Panel.*
- *Of particular note is that the Panel found that the proposed development introduced a higher level of risk to safety than exists with the current facility. Let them know that the potential for occasional conflicts from mixed use of the area by swimmers, surfers and boaters can be easily resolved through appropriate management strategies identified through a process of consultation and negotiation.*
- Whether you are contacting a politician in Local or State Government or an Opposition Party MP, seek an undertaking that he/she will consider your views when they develop their own view and discuss it with the Party.
- Let them know that their own position on this issue will directly affect how you vote.
- If you can, provide the politicians you contact with a picture to show what Bastion Point and the breakwater development will look like. This can be downloaded from the Current Proposal page of our website <http://savebastionpoint.org/proposed-development/current-proposal/>

If you would like to discuss your lobbying actions or need assistance in any way please do not hesitate to contact the Save Bastion Point Campaign team. Please let us know how you go.

CONTACT DETAILS OF POLITICIANS TO CALL, VISIT OR WRITE TO

Victorian Labor Party

The Hon John Brumby MLA
Premier of Victoria
1 Treasury Place VIC 3000
P: 03 9651 5000
F: 03 9651 5054
E: john.brumby@parliament.vic.gov.au
Blog: <http://www.premier.vic.gov.au/your-voice/contact-the-premier.html>

The Hon Justin Madden MLC
Minister for Planning
Level 17/ 8 Nicholson St Melb VIC 3000
P: 03 9637 8087
F: 03 9637 8921
E: justin.madden@parliament.vic.gov.au

The Hon Gavin Jennings MLC
Minister for Environment & Climate Change
Level 22/ 50 Lonsdale St Melb VIC 3000
T: 03 9096 8830
F: 03 9096 8866
E: gavin.jennings@parliament.vic.gov.au

Victorian Liberal Party

Ted Baillieu MLA
Leader of the Liberal Party
Leader of the Vic Liberal Nationals Coalition
Parliament House East Melbourne VIC 3002
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F: 03 9651 8426
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Blog: <http://www.tedbaillieu.com.au/contact.html>

Matthew Guy MLC
Shadow Minister for Planning
56 Beetham Parade Rosanna VIC 3084
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Mary Wooldridge MLA
Shadow Minister for Environment and Climate Change
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Philip Davis MLC
Member for Eastern Victoria
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Victorian Greens

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Sue Pennicuik MLC
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Victorian Nationals Party

Peter Ryan MLA
Leader of the Nationals
Shadow Minister for Regional & Rural Development
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Blog: <http://www.vicnats.com/policyfeedback.asp>

Hon Peter Hall, MLC
Nationals Leader in the Legislative Council
Member for Eastern Victoria Region
181 Franklin St Traralgon VIC 3844
P: 03 5174 7066
F: 03 5176 1266
E: peter.hall@parliament.vic.gov.au

Your local Member of Parliament

To find them ring the Victorian Electoral Commission on 13 18 32 or find them online by going to www.parliament.vic.gov.au Under 'Members of Parliament' on the home page, click on 'Parliamentary Handbook', then click on 'Find your local members'. You can then enter your street name or suburb to find out the name and contacts for your local MPs. Note: do not enter your street number.

MPs in marginal seats

If you are in the electorate of Richmond we urge you to also write to –
Richard Wynne MP
Minister for Aboriginal Affairs
112 Smith St Collingwood VIC 3066
P: 03 9415 8901
F: 03 9415 8918
E: richard.wynne@parliament.vic.gov.au

If you are in the electorate of Brunswick we urge you to also write to –
Carlo Carli MP
47 Sydney Rd Coburg VIC 3058
P: 03 9384 1241
F: 03 9384 0481
E: carlo.carli@parliament.vic.gov.au

If you are in the electorate of Melbourne we urge you to also write to –
Bronwyn Pike MP
146-148 Peel St North Melbourne VIC 3051
P: 03 9328 4637
F: 03 9326 8747
E: bronwyn.pike@parliament.vic.gov.au

Federal Members of Parliament

Darren Chester MP
Federal Member for Gippsland
PO Box 486 Sale VIC 3850
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F: 03 5144 3945
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The Hon Peter Garrett AM, MP
Minister for Environment Protection, Heritage and the Arts
PO Box 6022
House of Representatives
Parliament House Canberra ACT 2600
P: 02 6277 7640
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Greg Hunt MP
Shadow Minister for Climate Action, Environment and Heritage
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House of Representatives
Parliament House Canberra ACT 2600
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F: 02 6277 8446
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East Gippsland Shire Councillors

Mayor and all Councillors
PO Box 1618 Bairnsdale VIC 3875
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Below are the councillors we really need to influence. If you can, call or write to them individually. If you wish to email a Councillor write "Att Cr (his/her last name)" in the email subject line.

Deputy Mayor Peter Neal
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Cr Trudy Anderson
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E: cr.anderson@egipps.vic.gov.au

Cr Ben Buckley
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E: cr.buckley@egipps.vic.gov.au

Cr Marianne Pelz
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