

Have Your Say

Visitor against Option 3B

Sir,- We are long-term visitors who return to Mallacoota year after year.

We do not believe the 'Option 3B' breakwater and road along the beach at Bastion Point is a positive move forward for tourism at Mallacoota.

Of non-residents who made submissions to the Environment Effects Statement Inquiry Panel, nine of every 10 non-resident submissions opposed this option.

Of submissions to the recent Department of Transport (DoT) review of this project, although the findings included resident and non-resident submissions, it was found that the vast majority (88.2 per cent) would prefer to see a smaller development than Option 3B. This category included the Boat- ing Industry Association of Victoria.

We request that the people of East Gippsland listen to tourism customers as to what keeps us coming back to this treasured part of Victoria year after year.

We believe Mallacoota is one of the jewels in the crown of East Gippsland - it has a natural beauty that has been lost as many coastal towns become more and more developed. This is not to say that we oppose any

development at Bastion Point - we just think boating can be improved with an upgraded ramp and the DoT review proved this can be done with less impact than Option 3B.

We love Mallacoota and wish to keep coming back, but we will re-evaluate our position if one of the main drawcards to our stay in Mallacoota is destroyed by the construction of Option 3B.

Yours etc.,
Anna Robert,
Alphington.

Cautious Bastion approach

Sir,- Below is an open letter sent to all shire councillors.

I urge you to reconsider the proposed development at Bastion Point and opt for the least cost option.

Global warming will threaten all coastal developments possibly within 20 to 40 years. A more realistic appraisal for the coast can be found on the publications page of my website <http://petergardner.info/>

It is incumbent on the shire to adopt both a pru-

dent and cautious approach on this matter.

Yours etc.,
Peter Gardner,
Bairnsdale.