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Lines drawn on the sand at Bastion Point

At daybreak over 80 residents of Mallacoota gathered on the beach at Bastion Point to make a stand against East Gippsland Shire Council's controversial 3b ocean access development.

"This beach belongs to us all," said Jenny Mason. "3b is an over-sized development that cannot be justified- It is too damaging, too costly and also unnecessary- there are lower impact alternatives."

"Bastion Point is enjoyed and loved by residents and visitors alike. It is not right that it be spoiled forever to benefit a few", she said.

At the start of works the protesters marched onto the work site to speak to the site manager. Christine Liedtke, spokesperson for the group, delivered a clear statement of the importance of Bastion Point to the community, and asked contractors to depart the site.

When requested by police to leave the site, participants did so.

"Our action today is signalling our continuing opposition to this outrageous development" Ms Mason said. "We will not stand by and see our beach destroyed."

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Photographs available on request.

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