

Save Bastion Point

protect this coastal environment from inappropriate development

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A new day dawns at Bastion Point, Mallacoota

At the 11th hour councillors have united and voted unanimously for the government to finalise the design of its preferred option at the existing boat ramp site and seek broad community support for that option.

Community members, who today made the six hour return trip to present submissions and to hear councillors debate the motion, were encouraged by the result.

“It is unclear what triggered this last minute change to council’s stand, but it is reassuring to see councillors finally listening to public opinion on this long running issue,” said spokesperson for the Save Bastion Point Campaign, Mr. Leo op den Brouw.

“The project was first referred for an Environmental Effects Statement in 2000. It was the subject of controversy when the previous government chose to override the recommendation from an Inquiry Panel that a minor upgrade to the existing ramp at Bastion Point is all that should occur.”

The current government implemented a review of the project that was conducted by the Interdepartmental Bastion Point Project Team coordinated by the Department of Transport. This review recommended that the existing site be upgraded with an option known as Alternate H2. Council has conceded that this option should examine cultural heritage and prepare a detailed design, including costings and visual impact, environmental impact, car parking, and sand management in order to implement the lower impact option.

“The Save Bastion Point Campaign is looking forward to working with the Interdepartmental Bastion Point Project Team and other stakeholders to achieve a positive outcome for all, one that meets the requirements of the boating community while addressing environmental and economic concerns,” said, Mr. Leo op den Brouw. “We congratulate councillors on taking this positive step in the right direction”.

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