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Bastion Point decision time

The Save Bastion Point Campaign (SBPC) is calling on East Gippsland Shire Council to listen to the community and follow the findings of a community consultation conducted by the Department of Transport earlier this year.

This latest call for action on the controversial Bastion Point ocean access project at Mallacoota follows the State Government last week requesting the council make its intentions known about what it proposes at the site by the end of this year.

"The Government has left it in the council's court as to whether it will seek Coastal Management Act approval

for the large Option 3B," spokesman for the SBPC, Leo op den Brouw said.

"Option 3b is a dinosaur development which includes a massive breakwater and road on the beach. It will impact heavily on surfing and the character and amenity of Bastion Point, and was found by the Environment Effects Statement Inquiry in 2008 to be uneconomic and to the long-term detriment of tourism."

In April this year, SBPC said it was one of 19 local, state, national and international organisations that called for a community-supported upgrade of the boat ramp at the current site.