

Shadow Minister visits Bastion Pt

Save Bastion Point Campaign called on Shadow Minister for Planning, Matthew Guy, to support its campaign to stop the Bastion Point harbour development proposal, during his visit to Mallacoota late last month.

Some members of the Mallacoota community met with Mr Guy to discuss the proposed development. Residents turned out with placards and banners to send the very strong message that they do not want their beach vandalised, and that they are angry with Planning Minister Justin Madden.

Leo Op den Brouw, spokesperson for the Save Bastion Point Campaign, said: "We may live in a remote Victorian coastal town far from Spring

Street, but it's time we were listened to."

Mr Op den Brouw said that just over a year ago Minister Madden came to Mallacoota in a seemingly clandestine way to spend just a short time viewing the site of the proposed development at Bastion Point, in the company of the proponent.

He made no appointments to meet with the community to hear its views, he said.

"One wonders how planning decisions are made in this state," Mr Op den Brouw said.

"Is it from undue influence from opponents, or is it from some sort of political deal?"

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Save Bastion Point Campaign members express their opinions over the proposed safe ocean access development at Bastion Point, Mallacoota, to Shadow Minister for Planning, Matthew Guy. (Photo: Michael Rayner)

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"We've called on Mr Guy to trust in the expertise of the independent panel and listen to the passionate views of the majority of the Mallacoota community," Dave Huxtable, spokesperson for the Friends of Mallacoota, said.

"We need him to take our plea back to Spring Street because our own local Member of Parliament, Craig Ingram, certainly doesn't represent the people either.

"The community can only hope that the truth will now prevail. We are encouraged by Mr Guy's visit to Mallacoota, have urged him to take our case to Parliament and

asked for his commitment to promote a sustainable outcome for Bastion Point based on the recommendations of the Inquiry," Mr Huxtable said.