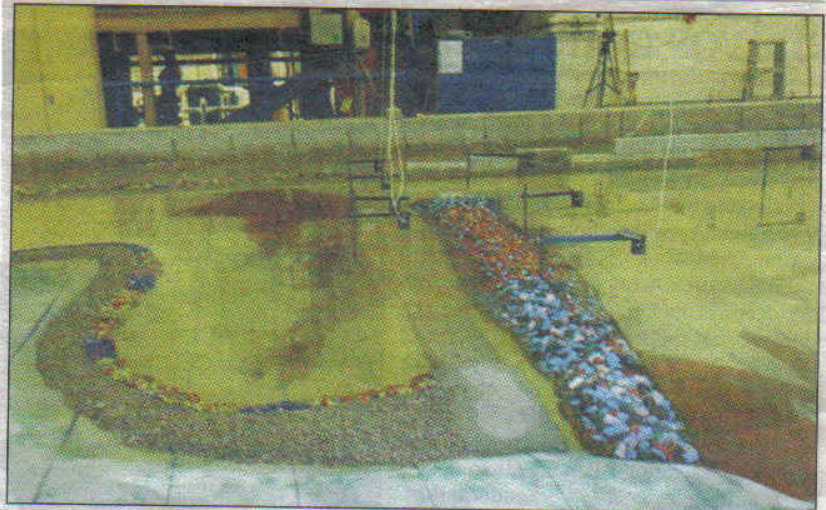


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A model of the proposed Bastion Point boat ramp, looking down the ramp and out to sea. (PS)

Ramp wave study

The effect of waves on the proposed Bastion Point ocean access ramp has been studied at Adelaide University.

A 1/40 scale model of the proposed boat ramp and breakwater has been used to conduct the tests.

The model is an accurate representation of the seabed and surrounding beach area and includes the proposed access road along the base of the escarpment.

The model was built by Dr. Peter Riedel of Coastal Engineering Solutions, with assistance from Adelaide University staff. Dr Riedel is recognised nationally as an expert in the field of coastal engineering.

The process was overseen by Bairnsdale engineering and environmental consultants Crossco.

East Gippsland Shire director Chris Waites said that the tests simulated a wide range of anticipated sea conditions.

"These ranged from moderate storm events right up to the major 'one in one hundred year' events and in all cases the proposed breakwater provided a high level of protection to the boat ramp itself," he said.

"While a final report is still to be prepared it appears the tests have confirmed the efficacy of the design as well as the robustness of the breakwater and its ability to withstand severe storm events."

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Postcards delivered to Minister

A number of residents from Mallacoota presented 1400 postcards embodied in a unique marine art installation to Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Innovation, Gavin Jennings, last week at his Melbourne office. The postcards called on Minister Jennings (far right) to reject a proposal for the boat ramp and breakwater development through his powers under the Coastal Management Act 1995. (PS)

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