



17 December 2007

Nicole Maloney
Planning Panels Victoria
Department of Planning and Community Development

By email: nicole.maloney@dse.vic.gov.au

Dear Nicole

**Ocean Access Boat Ramp, Bastion Point, Mallacoota
Environmental Effects Statement
East Gippsland Planning Scheme, Permit Application 162/2007/P**

I refer to the letter from Maddocks dated 6 December 2007 responding to the Inquiry's letter of 27 November 2007.

My client considers the response provided by East Gippsland Shire Council is inadequate and unacceptable. In particular, it does not respond to the Inquiry's request for an indication of when a result of the discussions with DSE may be expected and a further directions hearing required.

My client requests that the matter is listed for directions in February 2008 to require the Council to indicate whether they intend to proceed with the proposal and if so, in what time frame.

February 2008 is an appropriate time for the Inquiry to consider further action on the Panel process, and it will have allowed the Council four months within which to hold discussions with DSE and make a decision on whether they intend to proceed. It is not in the interests of the parties involved, or the community as a whole, to have an open-ended process that is prolonged for an indefinite period.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B Sydes", written over a light blue horizontal line.

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