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## Save Bastion Point

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**TAKE ACTION NOW – ONLY 2 WEEKS TO GET YOUR SUBMISSION TO PLANNING PANELS  
OPPOSING THE BREAKWATER DEVELOPMENT – DEADLINE IS 16 JULY '07**

### MAKE YOUR VOICE COUNT!

There are only 2 weeks left to make your submission to Planning Panels Victoria to oppose the inappropriate breakwater/ boat ramp development at Bastion Point.

Need a copy of the Environment Effects Statement or to find out where to send your submission? Go to [www.egipps.vic.gov.au](http://www.egipps.vic.gov.au)

Need more information on the history of the proposed development and our campaign, a copy of our Submission Writing Kit and more. Go to [www.savebastionpoint.org](http://www.savebastionpoint.org).

**Get your Submission in  
by 16 JULY 2007!**

### WHAT'S NEW ON [WWW.SAVEBASTIONPOINT.ORG](http://WWW.SAVEBASTIONPOINT.ORG)

We've written a brief Critique of the EES Supplementary Reports commissioned as preparation for the EES by the East Gippsland Shire Council. The Council uses and abuses these reports to justify their rationale for a breakwater at Bastion Point. See what we have to say about them.

We've also written a brief on Seeking a Resolution for the Bastion Point Area. See how our solution meets the Evaluation Objectives that the Panel will use when it makes a recommendation to the Minister for Planning as to whether the proposed development should be approved or not.

If you need a little more assistance to write a brief submission, see our Submission Template. Every voice counts!

Contact (03) 51580 504 if you or someone you know needs to receive a hard copy of these documents.

### WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING WITH THE CAMPAIGN SINCE THE EES CAME ON EXHIBITION 4 WEEKS AGO

Surfriders Rally – over 50 surfriders rallied in Melbourne on 8 June. They marched in wetsuits and beach gear carrying surfboards from Federation Square to the steps of Parliament House.

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Mallacoota Community Meeting – the campaign team convened a local meeting on 13 June, attended by over 70 residents. It was a huge success - a chance to tell everyone what the EES says and how to write a submission.

Campaign Trumps Poll – Here are the results of the ABC Gippsland radio online poll conducted the week of 4 June 2007 with the following question - *What is your response to the proposed Bastion Point Ocean Access Boat Ramp?* 83% voted - I would like the current facility to stay and be upgraded; 16% voted - I am happy with what the East Gippsland Shire Council is proposing; 1% voted - I don't know.

Campaign all over the media! – What a few weeks it has been for the campaign in the media – print, radio and tv! Here's where we've been to raise public awareness and promote our cause – ABC Gippsland radio, ABC online (<http://www.abc.net.au/news/items/200706/1946663.htm?gippsland>), 3AW, 3 RRR – Radio Marinara, 3TR, WIN TV, MX News, Snowy River Mail – front page article and plenty of letters to the ed, Eden Magnet. You can help the campaign by speaking on radio talkback or writing to newspapers.

Who else supports the campaign – Friends of the Gippsland Lakes, Victorian National Parks Association, Environment Defenders Office, Disabled Surfers Association, Save the Waves Coalition. This is on top of the great work done to date by the Australian Conservation Foundation, Surfrider Foundation Australia, Friends of Mallacoota, Far East Gippsland Boardriders, Mallacoota Coast Action/ Coastcare, Mallacoota Surf Life Saving Club, Melbourne Save Bastion Point Campaign Group. There are plenty of individuals not in groups that support the campaign too. We have over 600 on our email list. This is all convened by the Save Bastion Point Campaign.

### SEEKING EXPERTS

If you know of someone in the following areas of expertise and think they may be willing to assist us please be in touch on 0418427768 – Marine Safety/ Risk Assessment/ OH&S, Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Cultural Heritage, Road Design Engineer.