

Ocean Access Boat Ramp, Bastion Point Mallacoota, Reports exhibited in June 2008.
Submissions close Monday 30th June 2008

CES Supplementary Report (Jan 2008)

In Jan 2008, DSE commissioned a report by *Coastal Engineering Solutions* on possible access alternatives to the proposed breakwater/ boat ramp development. The purpose was to find another access that would minimise impacts to Cultural Heritage sites and reduce the impact on significant native vegetation.

The Report suggests a relocation of the access road. Instead of a road through the headland it is proposed that the existing access road is utilised and extended along the beach to the site of development option 3. Two variations have been considered, one being more direct to minimise the road length, and one that attempts to reduce the footprint of the road via a proposed alignment closer to the vegetation. Both alternatives include:

- A rock wall revetment between the roadway and the sea (up to 3 metres high and 60 metres long) to protect the road from storm surges and heavy seas
- A pedestrian walkway on the landward side, separated from the vehicular traffic by a boulder kerb
- A post and rail fence to provide a barrier between pedestrians and heritage site
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We believe both road alignments are unacceptable. Whilst they might minimise destruction of Cultural Heritage sites and high value vegetation, they severely compromise landscape and recreational values. Thus the access road alternatives proposed in this report must be rejected.

The report can be obtained from <http://www.egipps.vic.gov.au/Files/07-422-vic-hprp030208.pdf>

Ancillary Structures report

One of Council's key project objectives as outlined in the EES Volume 1-Main Report, page 10, **1.7 project objectives** is "to provide a boat ramp facility that meets policy framework for a boat ramp that functions as a Regional Boat Ramp as identified by the Victorian Coastal Strategy"

This Report lacks detail and provides only superficial information on ancillary structures such as lighting, toilets, showers, fish cleaning and boat washing facilities. These are facilities that are normally included as key components of a Regional Boat Ramp.

The report suggests that because of a lack of services such as power, water and sewerage, the only services to be provided will be car parking, solar powered lighting, a basic fish cleaning table with a bucket to wash it down, and a poorly located chemical toilet.

SBPC believes that a boat ramp development that meets the criteria for a Regional Boat Ramp is inappropriate at Bastion Point

To view this report go to, <http://www.egipps.vic.gov.au/Files/Infrastructure.pdf>.

These two latest reports are components or variations of a major restructure of the Bastion Point headland. The overwhelming majority of submissions opposed to all upgrades proposed by Council has made it clear that the level of development planned is unacceptable to a broad range of users of the area, and must be rejected.

It is important that the Panel receives a large number of submissions expressing this view. We are asking you to write a short submission confirming your previous submission and stating that you oppose the access roads and ancillary structures as exhibited.

Your submission could be as simple as saying:

“ I wish to reiterate my strong opposition to the boat ramp/break water development, access roads and ancillary structures as proposed by EGSC, and refer to my earlier submission, number***** (you should have received correspondence from the Panel advising you of this number).

Using your own wording will carry greater weight with the Panel.

Please help us to continue the battle to Save Bastion Point and write a submission today.

To post or fax a submission voicing your opinion on this please write by 30 June 2008 to:

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