



## **Bastion Point – Consideration of Options March 2012 – Summary of submissions**

### **Background**

The Department of Transport (DOT) and the Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) conducted a series of information sessions in Mallacoota on the 1 March 2012, and an additional session in Melbourne on March 7 2012. Submissions were invited. This report summarises the views expressed in those submissions.

### **Number and type of submissions**

There were a total of 293 submissions. Thirty-nine of those submissions were either requesting additional information, or were a duplicate copy (sent by both post and email, or a follow up email). These submissions were discounted. The remaining 254 submissions are the basis of this summary report.

Attachment 1 shows a summary of the submissions in tabulated form. It can be seen that 18 of the submissions were from groups and organisations, with the names of those groups noted. The remaining 236 were from individuals, or families. Some of those had what would be considered expertise and/or local knowledge. That has also been noted.

153 submissions were local, 71 were from elsewhere, while 30 did not provide that information.

### **Preferences expressed by submitters**

The preferences were collated as follows:

- Support Option H2
- Support Option 3b
- Prefer Option H2 to 3b but would prefer a smaller or no breakwater
- Prefer minimal upgrade (Alternate Option) or no development
- Not stated

In some submissions, the preference was not explicitly stated, but it was clear from the accompanying comments. Those have been noted with an "A". As a percentage of each stated preference these accounted for between 10 and 19%, so could be regarded as reasonably evenly distributed. For those listed as 'not stated', no assumption or inference could be drawn.



The numbers in each category are:

OPTION	NO.	%
Support Option 3b	30	11.8
Support Option H2	27	10.6
Prefer Option H2 to 3b but would prefer a smaller or no breakwater	72	28.4
Prefer minimal upgrade (Alternate Option) or no development	113	44.5
Not stated	12	4.7

#### Concerns/comments raised by submitters

Most but not all submissions contained comments on some aspect or aspects of the different options. There was a range in the level of detail – some several pages, some a single sentence. These were collated as follows:

- Breakwater at H2
  - Mainly discussing size (too big) but some discussing materials to be used (less intrusive)
- Safety/design issues
  - Mainly discussing safety of access, with the two views that the breakwater decreases safety because it invites the less experienced boaters to launch and it obstructs views, and that the breakwater increases safety because it provides shelter.
  - Many submissions questioned why a 90% useability was the design criteria.
  - A few submissions on the location of the jetty.
- Swimmer/surfer issues
  - Some submissions discussing the relative merits of each option on both the enjoyment and safety of these two groups
- Carpark and access
  - No submissions discussed access.
  - Most submissions thought the reduced carpark footprint was an improvement
  - Some submissions though that the 3b footprint should be retained
- Sand management/dredging/ongoing costs
  - Several submissions queried whether H2 wouldn't be worse not better than 3b for sand management
  - A good many submissions queried the ongoing sand management costs, and whether users or ratepayers should pay for that
  - Many submissions commented negatively on the impact of regular dredging



- Environmental, including visual, cultural heritage
  - Visual amenity at was the most frequently mentioned aspect that submitters were concerned about, with many querying why it had such a low rating in the multicriteria analysis
  - Many of the submissions, regardless of preferred option, expressed concern about environmental impact
- Consultation
  - Some expressed concern at the small period of time allowed for submissions
  - Many expressed appreciation that the consultation process had proceeded
  - A few assumed that it was 'a done deal' and consultation meaningless
- Other

Of all these issues, the level of concern can be demonstrated by the number of submissions that raised the issue as detailed below:

ISSUE	NO. OF TIMES RAISED
Breakwater	102
Safety/design issues	85
Swimmers/surfers	35
Carpark/access	22
Sand management/dredging/associated costs	43
Environmental impact	96
Consultation	24
Other	

### Conclusion

On the basis of the submissions received, the following conclusions can be made:

- the Bastion Point Boat ramp continues to be of great interest to a wide range of people and groups;
- the vast majority (88.2%) would prefer to see a smaller development than Option 3b;
- neither Option 3b or H2 is widely supported;
- the significant majority (72.9%) would prefer to see a ramp with a small/no breakwater; and
- the main issues of concern are the size of the breakwater, environmental impacts and safety/usability.

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23								L									
29								L	Commercial boater, SES, SLC								
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35								L	Mellacotta Marine Rescue Group								
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213								L	SLSC								
214								L	Coastal processes and environmental								
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