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Comments:

The issues that I would like to address to the committee about, are as follows:-

1. The limited infrastructure we currently have to service the boating activities on the Gippsland Lakes. These include the lack of boating berths, both temporary and permanent; the lack of petrol outlets; the lack of pump out facilities.
2. The inadequacy of signage on the Princes Highway to direct traffic to the Metung area.
3. The restrictions imposed on interstate Sydney-Melbourne Princes Highway coach services that currently restrict passengers being allowed to get on/off between Melbourne and Orbost.
4. The changing face of tourism peak bodies, branding and marketing for our region (East Gippsland) over the last eight years has severely diluted any regional marketing endeavours. This lack of consistency is in the most part as a consequence of changing policies of Tourism Victoria. At this point of time (June '07) we are again undertaking another exercise to create a new tourism peak body for the region of Gippsland.

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