

The Secretary
Legislative Select Committee on Public Land Development
Parliament of Victoria
Spring Street
Melbourne Vic 3002

Dear Sir

I wish to submit that in relation to staged expansions to the Hastings Marina, which will ultimately result in significant alienation of Public Open Space for commercial purposes, in addition to strategies as contained in or associated with the Governments Melbourne 2030 Plan there are some significant concerns.

Firstly at a recent Planning Application Conference I was advised by both the Mornington Peninsula Shire and D.S.E that I should apply under the F.O.I Act to obtain mapping which would clearly indicate the current existing Lease boundaries. It had been identified that there are significant variations between the Lease boundaries as indicated on previous mapping, the D.S.E's own interactive Mapping on it's Website and new mapping as indicated by the Shire and the Proponent. Requests to the Shire and D.S.E on my behalf for a Survey plan of the lease area and that plan overlaid on a topographical map have not been forthcoming. These would have clearly indicated where the boundaries are. This is totally unacceptable. For without clearly defined existing boundaries, How are the Community to take a position in relation to the proposed expanded boundaries?

Secondly, Following the creation of a Draft Coastal Management Plan and subsequent C69 Panel Report which went before the Shire in July 2005 there was a clear indication and advice that any development on the Southern Foreshore at Hastings be completed within a Coastal Management Plan which had stake holder input along with Community input, ownership and acceptance. This advice is sound given the history and problems we now have to address due to ad-hoc planning in the past. The Panel Report recommended the establishment of a Hastings Foreshore Advisory Group of which I am a member – appointed by the Shire. I find there is a significant degree of frustration that we, having commenced work on a New Coastal Management Plan to be totally side tracked in now having to address issues surrounding this Stage One proposal (M.P.S Application Number P07/001) Of which I see as a "Trojan Horse" The approval processes this application enjoys are far less rigorous, has far less Public awareness, input along with absolutely no Community input! When compared with the far more inclusive and rigorous process that it would be subjected to under a finalised Coastal Management Plan

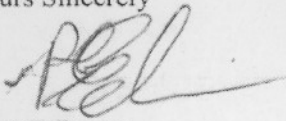
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Yours Sincerely



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