



Media release

The Hon Ryan Smith MP
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Minister requires audit of compliance with Bastion Point Boat Ramp conditions

Minister for Environment and Climate Change Ryan Smith has announced today that East Gippsland Shire Council has received consent, subject to a range of conditions, under the Coastal Management Act 1995, to proceed with its proposal to build a new boat ramp at Bastion Point near Mallacoota.

“The consent sets out a number of strict conditions to ensure the council’s construction and operation of the project meets the standards for protecting the environment. It also requires the council’s compliance with these standards to be independently audited,” Mr Smith said.

Among the conditions imposed on the project is the requirement for the council to develop and implement an environmental management plan for construction, maintenance and operational works. The council is also required to ensure that marine safety requirements are addressed during the project’s operation

The decision follows a detailed evaluation of East Gippsland Shire Council’s application to construct a new boat ramp to service the Mallacoota community.

“Council will also be required to keep the community informed about its project through a communication plan, and I would expect this to include the public release of the annual audit reports required under the consent,” Mr Smith said.

The Coastal Management Act provides for the use and development of coastal Crown Land, including the construction and carrying out of works and a consent decision has to be made within the parameters of the

The Act also required the decision to consider relevant recommendations of the previous Government under the Environment Effects Act 1978.

The consent for the project authorises works to be conducted between 1 February 2013 and 1 March 2016.

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