

# Portarlington Safe Harbour Community Bulletin

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### Draft plan consultation process

The Draft Portarlington Safe Harbour Master Plan was released for public comment on 2<sup>nd</sup> of September 2008 by the Local Member for Bellarine, The Hon Lisa Neville. The submission period was open until the 3<sup>rd</sup> of October 2008.

During this period four workshops were held with the key community groups, tenants and agencies that have a direct relationship with the foreshore and harbour.

A community information day was held on the 6<sup>th</sup> of September 2008 where over 300 people were estimated to have dropped in to view the plan and have questions answered by the consultants and Parks Victoria staff.

Advertisements were placed in the local papers advising of the release of the Draft Plan for public comment. In addition the local media published a number of articles and letters regarding the Draft Plan.

The profile that the Draft Plan received in the local media ensured that there was high awareness within the community of the consultation process and where to find information.

Over 1,200 submissions and one petition were received.

A copy of the draft plan can be viewed on ParkWeb (<http://www.parkweb.vic.gov.au>).

### The next steps

Submissions are now being summarised for consideration and decision by the project steering committee.

A report summarizing the submissions will be prepared and made available on ParkWeb or by request.

An important component of developing the final draft plan is assessing the financial viability of the commercial elements of the plan. This is also likely to result in changes to the plan. Depending on the extent of the changes to the draft plan further consultation may be required.

Once the steering committee has endorsed the final draft plan, formal approval will be sought from the steering committee organisations before approval is sought from the Minister for Environment and Climate Change. Pending this, a funding application will be made to government.

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