

5. It is acknowledged that sand will gradually fill the harbour and widen Mothers Beach if the proposed changes are made. The suggestion that this sand can be removed and relocated at intervals, possibly by the use of an excavator and truck, should be examined carefully. Such "maintenance" is expensive, and a regular financial allocation would be required and sustained indefinitely. Experience with other harbours and marinas on the Victorian coast is not encouraging: such long-term "maintenance" projects are not guaranteed by government and state agencies, or even if the developers enter into agreements to pay for them.

5. The problems posed by the suggestion of building a concrete wave screen and extending moorings in Mornington harbour can be avoided if a new harbour were constructed at Schapper Point, west of Mornington Pier. This would provide marina facilities for Mornington Yacht Club without further damaging the scenic and recreational environment of the coast north of Mornington.

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