



No Marina campaign Victory for the community

In 2010 the Mornington Yacht Club applied to Mornington Shire Council to rezone the harbour precinct so they could build a Marina in the harbour. The council requested an Environmental Effects Assessment of the project and an advisory panel was appointed by the state government to assess the project.

Many organizations made submissions to the panel both for and against. MEA ran a sustained campaign against the proposal with street stalls and public meetings. MEA claimed the marina would pollute the water and ruin Mothers Beach. Many individuals also argued against the proposal for similar reasons. David Morris the local member of parliament sent out a survey to all householders seeking their opinion. 80% of respondents opposed the proposal.

The panel made their recommendations to Matthew Guy, the planning minister, who then passed the recommendations on to the council for the council to vote and decide on the issue.

A council meeting was held in February 2012. Councillor Columb spoke of the value of Mothers Beach to the community. Council voted against the proposal.