

Hastings Boat Ramp Carpark

Draft Concept Design Engagement Summary

September 2025

Introduction

From 23 June to 6 August 2025, we sought community input on the draft Hastings Boat Ramp Carpark Concept Design.

The draft concept design was developed in consultation with local stakeholders including the Western Port Angling Club and Hastings Yacht Club.

How did we engage?



Letter Drop: Targeted letter drops to surrounding residents who may be interested and/or affected by the proposal.



Survey: Targeted questions to hear views from boaters, foreshore users and broader community.



In-person event: We hosted an in-person feedback session at the Hastings Shire office on 26 June.

Who did we hear from?



1,000 people visiting the website.



122 surveys completed and 6 emailed community submissions



Conversations with more than **30 people** at our in-person event.

Online contributors were mostly **Shire residents (85%)** along with some visitors (9%). Majority of online contributors are **boaters who launch at Hastings (68%)**.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to provide feedback. We really appreciate your insights.

What did we hear?

74% of you have experienced issues when using the Hastings boat ramp, mostly being the area is **too congested (32%)** or difficult to find parking (28%).

66% of you support the draft concept but, we recognise there are areas for improvement with **60% thinking the design could be improved**.

Key areas for improvement varied between respondents and are summarised as follows:

- Maintain the existing entrance at Herring Street.
- Maintain the open space as grass for multipurpose use.
- Decrease grassed space and provide more sealed all carparks.

Responses were mixed for the size of trailer bays with 29% agreeing with more smaller bays, the **majority (39%) preferring fewer but larger bays** and 32% with no preference.

60% of respondents preferred the Western Port Bay Trail stay where proposed in the draft.

53% of respondents saw green space as very important with a **preference for low height planting (41%)** or medium height planting (28%).

Direct email feedback was mostly from residents of Skinner Street. The key theme in this feedback was opposition to the proposed entrance off Mullet Street. Concerns raised included, increased traffic and noise in residential streets and inadequate road widths.

What's next?

We are reviewing the drafted design with consideration of the feedback received to develop a revised concept design.

Once complete, the revised design along with details on the changes we made will be advertised on the project webpage.

To stay update, please refer to the project webpage: mornpen.vic.gov.au/hastingsboatramp