

The Power of Conservation Partnerships on Phillip Island and Beyond

Preserving Western Port from Industrialisation



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The process of developing partnerships to preserve Western Port from industrialisation by the Phillip Island Conservation Society has a long history.



Recent threats to Western Port

State initiative to create the biggest container port in Australia

Extensive dredging, marine impacts and PICS submissions to Governments

Infrastructure Victoria recommended against the container port in Western Port







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AGL proposed to further process imported gas in a floating factory in Western Port

Community alliances formed around Western Port to address numerous concerns

Submissions to Governments for Environment Effects Study that included Federal laws

State Planning Minister rejects AGL on basis of threats to marine ecosystems



Victory for the community



Costs to community

AGL and State Government spent more than \$200M on two projects

Thousands of hours of community time in research to rebut the proposals

Months and months of community angst including hearing during pandemic lock down

Community response to AGL included 10,000 submissions of opposition



Now is the time for Government to listen and respect the community's views



Power of partnerships

- Seek out aligned values in the community and beyond
- Be inclusive of all responses, skills and passions
- Arts, analytics, public awareness, media, community connections, disruptions, petitions
- Diverse responses connect to our diverse community
- Harness the energy to frame the future
- Current PICS alliances are now united in taking steps to seek permanent legal protections from Government for Western Port

