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Dear Allan

**Ministerial Advisory Committee: Major Hazard Facilities Discussion Paper**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input into the Shire's response to the above mentioned Discussion Paper.

Crib Point Engineering [CPE] has been located at the Cemetery Estate for 50 years and the company is well aware of the risks of being located in this precinct. CPE is also well aware of the many 'encroachment' issues major and hazardous industries face in regards to their safe operations and their everyday ability to continue to operate.

I believe it is timely to also explore the opportunities that exist for the buffer zones to be utilised effectively and productively, rather than the more traditional negative approach of 'blanket banning' everything within the buffer zones. It is obvious that not all sites have the same risks and consequently I will focus solely on the Cemetery Estate site, which has unique topographical and spatial features to suit my recommendations.

The Cemetery Estate is a prime site for limited and select marine industrial development, as per our own operations. The estate offers safe, and relatively all-weather access to water for marine businesses to undertake their activities; this is a comparatively rare and therefore a highly valuable aspect that should not be ignored or brushed aside in a 'blanket banning' approach. The MAC would be well aware of the complex rules surrounding coastal access and consent which constrains new development.

Cemetery Estate can easily overcome these constraints and should serve as a key marine industrial estate for the greater good of the region and the State.

The Shire's recent Marine Industrial Precincts Strategy acknowledges the need to support our marine enterprises and the utmost importance for the employment creation potential of these precincts. All of which enhances the well-being and prosperity of our communities.

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Having select business in the buffer zone does not add to any major or significant risk profile or analysis. Simply these businesses and their staff would operate under the same rules and protocols of the major hazard facility. These businesses are resourced, trained and equipped with the proper personnel to meet and exceed all the requisite OH&S regulations as required by law.

In this situation by having appropriate businesses in the buffer zone there is greater certainty for the major hazard facility to continue their business without fear of 'encroachment issues'. I see this as a win : win for businesses and the community.

A recent example of the importance and need for a marine industrial precinct is where CPE is currently undertaking the repairs of the spirit of Tasmania ferry, which was severely damaged during a storm cell. There is nowhere else in Victoria to do the repairs and if there was no Cemetery Estate those repairs works would have to go interstate. This would be a loss to the Victorian economy, one that the state government cannot afford, given the looming jobs crisis when the car manufacturing industry shuts down.

In summary I would like to impress on the Ministerial Advisory Committee the imperative of looking at each MHF site individually; whilst also looking for genuine opportunities to foster appropriate industrial development. Cemetery Estate is ideal for a marine industrial precinct, which will underpin the growth of the emerging marine sector on the Mornington Peninsula. The sector employs over 2200 people locally and has great growth prospects. We should all proactively collaborate to support these jobs and the future jobs that will follow.

Yours sincerely

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