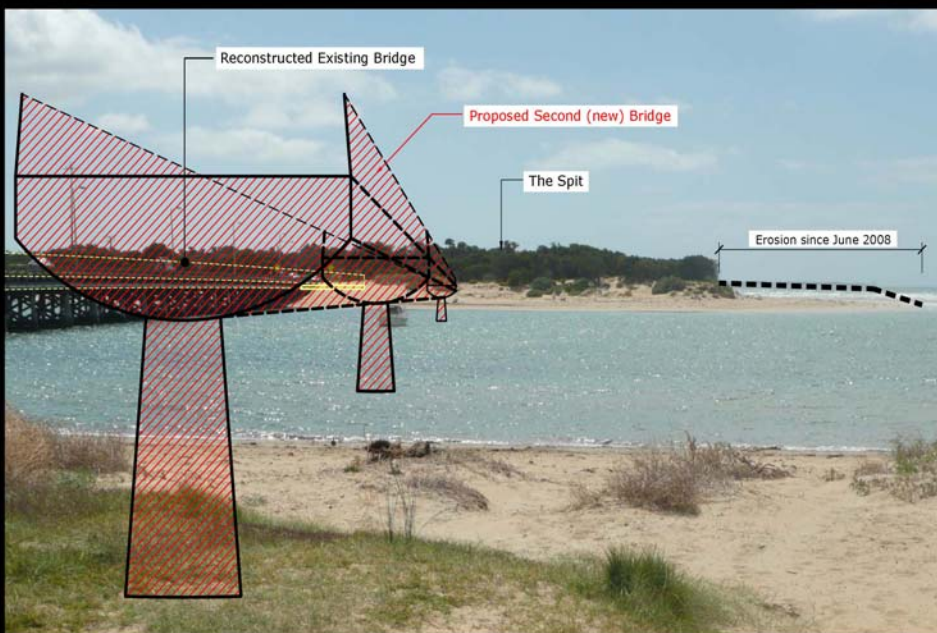
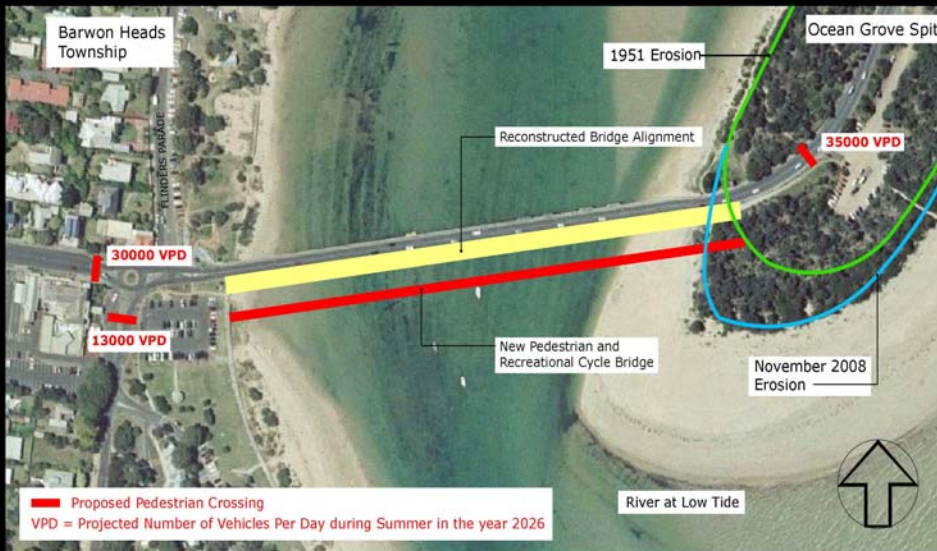


# ONE VOICE ONE BRIDGE!

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## Rally - 2.00pm Sunday 11 January

### Say **NO** to the VicRoads 2 Bridge Downstream Proposal



This proposal will have a devastating toll on:

- **Environment**

There has been no environmental impact study on the effect the new 21 metre downstream (towards the sea) bridge will have on The Spit.

- **Safety**

Campers at Ocean Grove will have to cross roads carrying a projected 48,000 vehicles per day 6 times, to access the Barwon Heads Town Centre.

- **Visual**

The prime views from The Bluff up the Barwon River Estuary and of the existing bridge (which Tourism Victoria promotes) will be lost.

- **Loss of Amenity**

24 metres of prime river beach will be lost on both sides of the river and 30 car spaces.

- **Fishing**

Anglers will now have to fish 30 metres downstream on the south side only from where they currently fish off the existing Bridge.

- **No Community Support**

There is no Community Support for the 2 bridge downstream proposal.

- Join the Rally and tell the Government **NO** to the VicRoads 2 bridge downstream proposal.
- Come & listen to Speakers opposing this ludicrous proposal.
- The more people at the rally the greater the chance that the Government will finally listen to what the Community wants.

## Information Bulletin

### VicRoads Deception

In December 2008 VicRoads released an Information Bulletin which included misleading information. Our Bulletin highlights the inaccuracies and deception of VicRoads claims.

- **Single Bridge Option – Heritage Victoria Approval.**

Not all single bridge options were submitted by VicRoads and discussed with Heritage Victoria. Hence to state that a single bridge option is not achievable is premature.

- **Ministerial Advisory Committee's Report**

This report does not state anywhere that for a 2 bridge solution that the second bridge should be constructed downstream (towards the sea) from the existing bridge. In fact the report concludes (Clause 6.5.4) 'Adapting the Bridge to cater for pedestrians and cyclists would involve providing a three metre wide pedestrian and cycling path along the upstream side in addition to fishing platforms'.

- **Community Consultation**

There has never been any Community consultation regarding the VicRoads design proposal for a 2 bridge downstream solution. VicRoads has not consulted with the Community since September 2006 (the last day of The Ministerial Advisory Committee Hearing) **Yes more than 2 years ago!**

The application to Heritage Victoria did not allow for community input on the 2 bridge downstream solution. This is because the second (new) bridge was located outside the 10 metre heritage exclusion zone. Hence the second (new) bridge was not a consideration by Heritage Victoria.

- **VicRoads Own Experts**

At a VicRoads meeting 25 November 2008, one of VicRoads own experts was asked – 'if you had a choice would you place a second (new) bridge on the downstream or the upstream side of the main vehicle bridge? – answer 'upstream side'.

- **Protecting the Beach**

Since the 2 bridge downstream proposal was announced by VicRoads in June 2008 The Spit has eroded (due to nature) by at least 40 metres. This means that the second (new) bridge will only be some 30 metres from the current end of The Spit. Should this natural erosion continue to the levels of 1951 then the Ocean Grove side of the second (new) bridge will not meet the sand dunes.

None of the reports prepared by VicRoads have actually evaluated the impacts of their 2 bridge downstream design proposal on the erosion of The Spit or the Barwon Heads river beaches.

If The Spit erosion continues what will VicRoads solutions be – *Could it possibly be a mass of rocks (like Point Lonsdale) to protect their bridges ?*

- **Images**

Why is it that the only images of the 2 bridge downstream proposal released by VicRoads are only showing water. Is it because VicRoads do not want people to visually understand the true devastating impact of this proposal on both sides of the river ?

- **One Voice – One Bridge Rally**

Do not be deceived by VicRoads and join the **Community Rally 2.00pm Sunday 11 January 2009.**