

# Howqua Inlet Boating Facility - Concept Design

## Community consultation took place from 30th August 2023 to 25th September 2023

As part of the government's commitment to improving recreational boating, members of the community and boaters have had their say on plans for a future boating facility at Howqua Inlet on Lake Eildon.

Better Boating Victoria (BBV) commissioned engineers Partnear to develop designs for the new facility which will provide access for recreational boaters from 78-100% water supply level.

The plan has been developed in consultation with Goulburn Murray Water, government agencies, recreational boaters and community members.

The consultation has allowed BBV to test the proposed concept design with the wider public for consideration prior to finalising the design.

## What we proposed

The new boating facility will include a two lane ramp providing access into Lake Eildon from 78%-100% Water Supply Level, with future options to expand the ramp into lower water levels. In addition, the upgrade will include fold down mooring rings for temporary berthing and formalised and informal (overflow) CTU carparks, with a vehicle turn around area.

## People Reached



**18** People responded to the online survey



**11** Respondents were boat ramp users



**7** Respondents were local residents



56%

supported the proposed ramp structure

33%

supported the car parking arrangement

44%

supported the mooring rings being installed

## Snapshot of user feedback

*"It would be a fantastic asset for the area enabling safer boat disembarking and retrieval for everyone. Great work everyone".*

*"Brilliant. There is a high demand for proper boat launching in the Howqua area"*

*"Would be ideal to have the whole area concreted as in the long run will be cheaper and easier to maintain from wear and tear and corrosion from weather".*

*"Parking away from the ramp works better in busy areas. A smooth process of launching boats mixed with vehicles waiting to retrieve. The direction of traffic flow needs to be clearly marked so no confusion".*



### What we heard

Through the online survey you made comments on the boating facility including;

- Support for the formalised and overflow parking areas
- Support for the ramp structure
- Support for the mooring rings being installed



### You said

- Only a single lane ramp would be needed.
- To make the whole area concrete
- Asked to install clear directional signage to avoid flow issues



### Concerns

- Respondents asked for a treated ramp surface to avoid slippage
- Whether the mooring rings will cause damage to boats
- An additional lane would help with flow

## Next Steps

We would like to thank everyone who provided feedback on our design concepts. All your feedback has been considered and used to inform the final concept design. BBV will now progress a detailed design and work with government agencies and relevant parties to obtain the necessary approvals to facilitate future construction works.

# Final Concept Design (post feedback)

Scale 1:750 @ A3  
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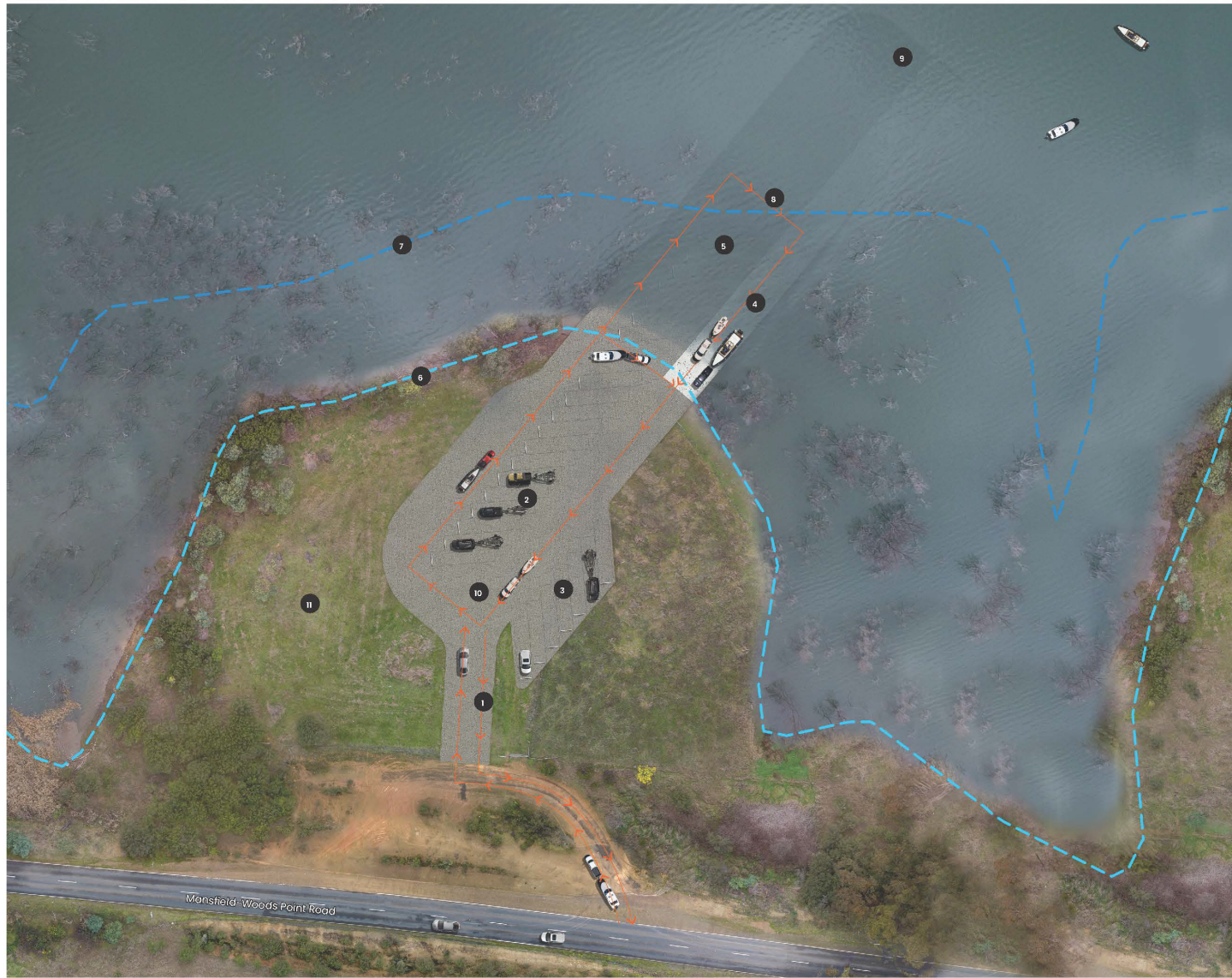
## Key Design Features

- 1 Entrance/ Exit
- 2 Central 45 degree pull in parks
- 3 45 degree drive in parks
- 4 Two lane boat ramp
- 5 Parking available during low water level
- 6 High water level 100% operating capacity
- 7 Low water level 78% operating capacity
- 8 Vehicle turning area
- 9 Future access to lower operating range, native vegetation retained
- 10 10m Wide one way access way
- 11 Overflow parking

→ Direction of travel

 Crushed Rock Pavement

 Concrete Ramp



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