

Coastal Integrity

Looking After the Places We Share

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READY TO DELIVER

A strong and enforceable State Coastal Policy

*Establish a dedicated Coastal Protection Unit within the
Greens' proposed new Environment Department*

A state-wide ban on canal estate developments

POLICY INITIATIVE OF THE TASMANIAN GREENS MPs



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“The island state of Tasmania is blessed with a superb and unique coastline which it is a privilege for us all to share. Therefore we have a responsibility to look after it for its own sake and for that of future generations.”

Nick McKim MP - Greens Leader

THE ISSUE:

- Tasmania’s coastline belongs to all Tasmanians but statewide it is under stress and poorly protected by the State’s current ad hoc coastal policy regime*
- The coastline is also under increasing pressure from climate change and increased development*
- We need to maintain and preserve the coastal environments and micro-environments for the sake of ecological integrity and for future generations*
- Labor has dragged its feet for the past five years delaying the implementation of the much-needed State Coastal Policy*

THE TASMANIAN GREENS WILL:

- Finalise and implement a rigorous and enforceable State Coastal Policy***
- Establish a dedicated Coastal Protection Unit by drawing together expertise currently spread across various departments***
- House the dedicated Coastal Protection Unit within the new Environment Department as proposed by the Greens***
- Immediately ban canal estate developments in Tasmania***

The Tasmanian Greens - Delivering Tasmanian Coastal Integrity

The Tasmanian Greens recognise that our coastline is of prime ecological, economic, cultural and recreational value.

We believe that Tasmania’s coastline is the shared common wealth of all Tasmanians. This precious asset is under threat from climate change, inappropriate development, marine pollution and pests, and over exploitation.

We believe that coastal zone stewardship must protect the integrity of our marine environments, beaches, hinterlands, catchments, rivers, wetlands and lakes, and their ecological interdependence.

Effective coastal protection must be based on the principles of biological diversity, ecological integrity, and good planning.

Any resource in a coastal zone should only be utilised in accordance with its capacity to supply, and below the ability of the environment to assimilate any waste arising from that use.

Our natural coastline underpins our lucrative Brand.

Maintenance of the scenic, cultural and environmental value of our coastline will benefit Tasmania’s economic future by maintaining the core brand value of ‘pristine’.

The Tasmanian Greens are committed to maintaining the integrity of Tasmania’s coastline.

Measures to Maintain Tasmania's Coastal Integrity

▲ Legislation and Regulation:

- ❑ Implement a strong and enforceable *State Coastal Policy*;
- ❑ Ban canal estate developments in Tasmania;
- ❑ Develop comprehensive regulations which give certainty to communities and developers by clearly defining areas off limits to developers, and clarify which types of development are permitted in which areas; and
- ❑ Ensure that the provisions of any such regulation are reflected in planning schemes; legislate to protect the social, cultural and environmental values of Tasmania's coastline.

▲ Management and Planning:

- ❑ Create a dedicated *Coastal Protection Unit* within the new Environment Department, as proposed by the Greens, to oversee compliance with a strong and effective *State Coastal Policy*. This Coastal Protection Unit will be resourced by the reallocation of current expertise scattered throughout the government departments, by drawing them together under one 'roof' to provide consistency in approach;
- ❑ Support any prosecution of breaches, and assist citizens in their rightful prosecution of legitimate cases against non compliance;
- ❑ Ensure that appropriate consultation with the Aboriginal community is undertaken and incorporated within management and planning processes and implementation; and
- ❑ Ensure that a state management plan is developed by a reformed *Tasmanian Planning Commission* after extensive public consultation.

▲ Reserves:

- ❑ Preserve the integrity of all coastal and marine reserves;
- ❑ Extend, strengthen and register the existing network of marine reserves to establish a comprehensive, adequate and representative system of marine, wetland, estuarine and coastal reserves; and
- ❑ Legislate to prevent the privatisation of coastal and marine reserves.

▲ Development:

- ❑ Require the preparation of proponent-funded environmental impact statements, including climate change analysis, for all proposed developments within the entire coastal zone.

▲ Public Open Space:

- ❑ Recognise the value of public open space to Tasmania and Tasmanian communities; and
- ❑ Ensure that public open space is not sold to developers prior to extensive community consultation that establishes widespread local support, and unless the proposal is environmentally sustainable.

▲ Sand Mining:

- ❑ Refer all sand mining in coastal regions to formal state planning processes.

▲ **Vehicular Access:**

- ❑ Introduce strict regulation of vehicular access to coastal zones.

▲ **Pollution:**

- ❑ Increase policing and monitoring of potential pollutants in the coastal zone, particularly sewerage operations and landfill sites; and
- ❑ Legislate stronger penalties for breaches, including higher maximum fines and revocation of operating licences.

▲ **Catchment Management:**

- ❑ Develop whole-of-government programs to implement and promote total catchment management; and
- ❑ Promote the planning and structuring of management around bio-regions such as water catchments.

▲ **Public Participation:**

- ❑ Improve inter-agency communications and public access to information held by government bodies and agencies relating to the coastal zone.

▲ **Marine Farming:**

- ❑ Return the marine farming sector under the auspices of the *Resource Management and Planning System*; and
- ❑ Legislate that any future proposals regarding marine farming are assessed under the *Land Use and Planning Approvals Act 1993*.

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