



ENVIRONMENT
TASMANIA INC

Response to Environment Tasmania and Save

Ralphs Bay Inc. Questionnaire

Richard James

1. Do you, personally, support Walker Corporation's "Lauderdale Quay" development concept, currently before the Resource Planning and Development Commission?

No. There are many unanswered questions about siltation removal, dredging etc and responsibility after the handover to Lauderdale Management Services.

2. If elected to the Upper house seat of Pembroke, and in the event of the Resource Planning and Development Commission recommending approval of "Lauderdale Quay" how do you intend to vote on the development?

I don't think the RPDC can satisfy my concerns about the project. There are too many questions that need to be resolved and the RPDC cannot in my view put all the checks in place in one month of deliberations.

3. If elected to the Upper House seat of Pembroke, and in the event of the Resource Planning and Development Commission recommending rejection of "Lauderdale Quay", how do you intend to vote on the development?

I would support the RPDC'S recommendation for my reasons in 2 above.

4. Would you support a Legislative Council Committee to investigate the prohibition of canal estates in Tasmania, in keeping with prohibiting policy in New South Wales and Victoria?

I would support a Committee to investigate canal estates in Tasmania as I think the Committee should hear argument for and against canal estates. My trip to Western Australia in Nov 2008 was very useful from a WA perspective on support for canal estates.

5. Would you vote in favour of a Bill prohibiting canal estate developments in Tasmania if reintroduced to Parliament, and the subsequent updating of the Tasmanian State Coastal Policy to reflect such a decision?

No. Until such time as the Committee's investigation were concluded and all info has been digested as per my comments in 4 above.

6. What measures would you see put in place to protect coastal settlements and future coastal development from climate change? (See A)

There are some major shortcomings with Tas State Coastal Policy that need to be addressed. Until such time as this Policy has been reviewed I would await outcomes from the review.

7. In what circumstances would you consider it appropriate for a Tasmanian Protected Area listing to be revoked? (see B)

There would have to be convincing arguments from experts and other qualified personnel for this to happen.

8. Under what circumstances would you consider it appropriate for the State government to revoke a Crown land listing for sale of the land to a private developer?

As per 7 above

9. What is your experience of the local community of Ralphs Bay and the dispute surrounding Walker Corporation's development proposals for the area?

There is a mixed reaction to this. Initially there was approx 80% opposition to the project and now it appears to be about 60% opposed to the project.

10. What do you consider to be Tasmania's unique "brand" and appeal to tourists and new residents?

The natural environment, friendliness of its people and the laidback lifestyle.