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TASMANIA INC

Response to Environment Tasmania and Save

Ralphs Bay Inc. Questionnaire

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

**In relation to the development proposed at Ralph's Bay I have consistently stated that I am not a fan of the project and have expressed reservations about its appropriateness and feasibility. I have heard nothing from the RPDC hearing which would ease my fears that the proposal is unsound from an environmental, planning and infrastructure perspective.**

**I also am concerned that future ratepayers will not be left shouldering the majority of the financial burden should the project not meet all the required standards or if there are possible technical issues in the future.**

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?

**If elected I will carefully scrutinize the RPDC assessment report and would not vote for the development unless satisfied that all the relevant environmental, planning and infrastructure issues identified during the hearing by key stakeholders have been adequately addressed. I would also take into consideration the views of local residents and the people of Pembroke.**

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 vote in accordance with the recommendation of the RPDC provided I was satisfied that the assessment report was fair to all parties and sufficiently comprehensive.**

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?

**Yes. While I am a strong supporter of economic development, I also believe that we should be able to develop other property development options in Tasmania**

**without resorting to canal developments. I remain unconvinced that canal developments fit in with the natural landscape in Tasmania. I believe that by using our initiative and building on other examples of high quality developments, we could maximize the best use of our natural resources in a way that enhances them.**

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?

**I would carefully consider the outcome of the Committee's deliberations but in principle I would vote in favour of such a Bill.**

We also request comment on the following:

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

**We face many challenges ahead of us to ensure that the effects of climate change are accommodated. I fully support the Clarence City Council's leading study on the impacts of a rise in sea levels and the process adopted by the Clarence Council for future planning to accommodate these changes is sensible and practical. With much of Pembroke close to the Derwent River, we need to take steps now to prepare us for the future.**

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

**As a keen Bushwalker who has completed walks like Federation Peak, Frenchmans Cap, the South Coast Track, and South West Cape, I would have grave concerns about delisting any Protected Area. However, the original reasons for listing may have been in appropriate or no longer relevant and a different use or control may be appropriate. There should also be a capacity to develop environmentally sensitive facilities to encourage tourists, such as Pelion Lodge on the Overland Track (Cradle Mountain) for example. Again, with proper planning and balancing all objectives, I am sure we can continue to grow the economy while protecting our beautiful environment.**

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?

**Unprotected Crown land should be available for use. It would first need to be assessed for its values including cultural values, natural values (flora, fauna, & geophysical) and scenic (skyline etc). Any coastal development should provide foreshore reserves, skyline conservation and green belt and wildlife corridors between them, particularly along any water courses. These could be vegetated in keeping with natural flora of the area and possibly re-watered using recycled waste**

**water and foreshore wetlands to replace ugly and environmentally poor outfall pipes.**

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

**I live near the area, am on record as not being a fan of the development for a range of reasons**

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

**Liveability, food production and wilderness.**

**'Liveability' relates to social interaction and communication. Village characteristics including residential suburbs are what makes our lifestyle and mobility both within villages and between including better access (foot bicycle) and public transport (buses and ferries) and corner shops with development of Kangaroo Bay as the premier social, entertainment, office and residential area in the heart of the Eastern Shore.**

**Tasmania has a number of natural advantages including the ability to produce our own food both for domestic consumption and export. With the right investment, we could begin to establish Tasmania as the food-bowl for the rest of Australia, building on our already world-wide reputation of clean, green products.**

**'Wilderness' is a prime attraction and recreational asset. We need a major upgrading of walking trails, camping platforms and facilities to encourage tourism, retaining the 'nature experience and minimising impact on the environment.**

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