



MEDIA RELEASE

SAVE RALPHS BAY INC. 6th ANNIVERSARY - CANDIDATES FORUM & SURVEY

March 11, 2010

Next Wednesday, March 17th, Save Ralphs Bay Inc. will mark the SIXTH ANNIVERSARY of the campaign to save Ralphs Bay from a proposed canal estate development. Back in 2004, the campaign to save Ralphs Bay began with a packed public meeting at the Lauderdale Hall on this date.

Six years on, and the community is still waiting for a final decision on the canal estate proposal.

Save Ralphs Bay Inc. is marking its sixth anniversary by holding a Franklin Candidates Forum in the Lauderdale Hall from 8.00 – 9.00pm on Wednesday, March 17th.

Confirmed attendees so far include Nick McKim, a high profile Labor candidate, Wendy Heatley and Ross Butler.

When inviting the candidates to attend, Bill Edmunds, SRB Chair said, "It is critically important that the voters in Franklin are informed regarding the intentions of your party concerning the Walker Corporation's canal estate development at Lauderdale."

Save Ralphs Bay Inc. has also written to candidates in the electorate of Franklin, asking for their responses to a series of questions relating to canal housing estates and the planning process. (See below).

Candidates have been asked to return their questionnaires by Sunday afternoon, March 14th. The results will be released to the media early next week.

QUESTIONS FOR CANDIDATES IN THE 2010 TASMANIAN STATE ELECTION

1. Do you support the construction of a canal housing estate inside Ralphs Bay? Please explain.
2. Do you support the construction of canal housing estates anywhere else in Tasmania? Please explain.
3. Do you support a Tasmanian ban on canal estate developments? Please explain.
4. Do you support the detailed examination of the Coastal Protection (Ban Canal Estate Development) Bill 2009 by the Joint House Committee on Environment, Resources and Development? Please explain.

5. Do you support detailed examination of the reasons behind the canal estate bans in Victoria and New South Wales, by the Joint House Committee on Environment, Resources and Development? Please explain.
6. Do you support detailed examination by this Joint House Committee of the risks to Tasmania of allowing canal estate developments in this state? Please explain.
7. What circumstances would cause you to NOT support a Tasmanian canal estate ban? Please explain.
8. Do you support additional funding for the Tasmanian Planning Commission, to provide assistance for the Tasmanian community to engage large corporations in the Commission process fairly and on an even playing field? Please explain.
9. Do you support additional funding for the Tasmanian Planning Commission to produce transcripts of TPC hearings, freely available for scrutiny by media and the public on the Commission's website? Please explain.

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