



JOINT MEDIA ALERT

CANAL ESTATE PROPOSAL FUNDAMENTALLY FATALLY FLAWED

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Save Ralphs Bay and Birds Tasmania representatives will be available at Parliament lawns at 11.30am today to highlight some of the deficiencies in the Walker Corporation's Draft Integrated Impact Statement for its proposed 'Lauderdale Quay' canal estate development.

"The Walker Corporation's canal estate proposal is fundamentally, fatally flawed" says Dr. Eric Woehler, Chair of Birds Tasmania.

Submission after submission on the RPDC website reveals that international experts and Tasmanian government departments hold very similar concerns to those raised by the wider community. A total of 547 submissions were received by the RPDC.

"Birds Tasmania and Save Ralphs Bay Inc. have worked hard for more than 5 years to show the folly of this proposal to excavate the sandflats of the Ralphs Bay Conservation Area in order to build a housing subdivision in the sea", says SRB spokesperson Jane MacDonald.

"Our arguments against this destructive proposal have always been well grounded, as confirmed by hard hitting submissions from around Australia and the world."

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