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Representing Point Lonsdale Residents since 1910

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To. CoGG A/Mayor – Cr. Trent Sullivan,
CoGG Bellarine Ward Councillor – Cr. Jim Mason;
CEO CoGG - Mr. Martin Cutter.
CoGG Director City Planning & Economy – Mr. Gareth Smith

CC. CoGG Councillor Support.

CC. BoQ Mayor – Cr. Ross Ebbels;
CC. BoQ Councillors - Cr. Michael Grout, Cr. Susan Salter, Cr. Fleur Hewitt, Cr. Donnie Grigau.
CC. CEO BoQ - Mr. Martin Gill;

CC. State Member for Bellarine - The Hon. Lisa Neville MP.

BELLARINE DISTINCTIVE AREA LEGISLATION PROJECT – REFERRAL TO PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Recently, the Association learned that the Minister for Planning has determined to refer submissions related to protected settlement boundaries designated in the Bellarine Peninsula SPP to the Distinctive Areas and Landscapes (DAL) Standing Advisory Committee for its consideration.

The Association is extremely frustrated with this decision, given all the indications thus far were that there was to be no Advisory Panel involved in the Bellarine DAL's process. We have followed the procedures and processes, that were set out by DEWLP, but now sense that because of a large well-funded advertising campaign by developers (and others) we have effectively been neutered by the panel process, given our extremely limited resources to make representations with the same scale, and robustness, as developers.

We are writing to you today to convey in the strongest possible terms, that the Point Lonsdale Civic Association:

1. Supports the Western Settlement Boundaries of Point Lonsdale to remain where they are;
2. Supports the current Settlement Boundaries of Ocean Grove, in particular East of Banks Road, and that they remain where they are;
3. Reinforces that all current Bellarine Settlement Boundaries also remain where they are.
4. Acknowledges that the Bellarine has done its fair share of the “heavy lifting, as far as land-stock for housing, in all of it's Bellarine towns and villages, and that we should not expect to do more.

Additionally, we also are hopeful, and expect, that Geelong Council makes a very strong submission to support its own DAL submission and advocate for town boundaries as per Amendment C395 - CoGG Settlement Strategy. We also wish to applaud the excellent work undertaken so far by Geelong Council in respect of the Southeast Bellarine Coastal Strategy (now in conjunction with the Borough of Queenscliffe), and hope Geelong Council also uses the upcoming master plan to strongly support its submission to the Planning Panel.

In closing, we must reiterate in the strongest possible terms, that the community of Point Lonsdale does not wish to see any of it's Western Boundary move further towards Banks Road. Our Green Wedges are highly prized and valuable.

We also are looking forward to witnessing the Geelong Council directing its submissions to the Planning Panel in such a way that it strongly conveys our collective position on these matters.

Additionally, we strongly support the Ocean Grove Community Association's stance on this matter, and it's "enough is enough" campaign.

The Point Lonsdale community feels very strongly and is passionate about this matter, and is hopeful that the eventual outcome will keep all settlement boundaries as they are.

Yours sincerely,

David Kenwood – on behalf of Committee & members

President PLCA

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