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To: Local Government Division (DPaC) <lgd@dpac.tas.gov.au>
Subject: Fwd: Cats and Little Penguins

Hi.
Re: Comments on Little Penguin protection.

I am a resident of Bicheno for over 25 years and have a lot of experience with living around Little penguins. The biggest threat to our Little Penguins is Cats. Both feral and domestic.

I have personally culled over 100 cats in my years here. Other people I know have culled even more. Conservatively these cats would have killed over 1000 Little Penguins. The Bicheno penguin population only exists because of these local efforts. Please consult with Bicheno Penguin tours. Their rookery only exists because of feral cat control.

Yes the odd dog attack occurs, caused by irresponsible owners. But dog attacks are not the major problem. I personally own a dog and have Little penguins living in my garden. The dog does not bother the penguins. However, free roaming cats do kill and eat the penguins.

The best solution is a formalised cat control through trapping and education. You are wasting money and time with endless meetings etc.

Regards
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