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**From:** Alex Mason  
**Sent:** Thursday, 25 July 2024 1:11 PM  
**To:** State Planning Office Shared Mailbox  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Validation (State Coastal Policy) Act 2024 Submission

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Yours sincerely,

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**From:** Louisa d'Arville  
**To:**  
**Cc:**

**Subject:** Save our Coasts - Say NO to fast tracking changes to weaken State Coastal Policy  
**Date:** Thursday, 25 July 2024 1:12:43 PM

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Louisa d'Arville

**From:** Krista Rosewarne  
**To:**  
**Cc:**

**Subject:** Save our Coasts - Say NO to fast tracking changes to weaken State Coastal Policy  
**Date:** Thursday, 25 July 2024 1:15:32 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I feel passionately that our current State Coastal Policy continues to provide all that we require and is robust in its mission. We have that policy to thank for our present state of coastline, which is now globally significant and recognized, supporting our wildlife, lifestyle and heritage. Unfortunately, the policy still does not provide cover for the indigenous heritage of our coast, but I'm hopeful this is in process of being established.

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**From:** *Anne Layton-Bennett & John Donnachy*  
**To:**  
**Cc:**

**Subject:** Our coasts are precious - so please say NO to fast tracking changes to weaken State Coastal Policy - re-send  
**Date:** Thursday, 25 July 2024 1:36:41 PM

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**To whom it may concern**

*Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission.*

*Tasmania's coastal regions are precious, unique and valued by Tasmanians for various personal and recreational reasons. They are home to countless species of birds and wildlife, as well as coastal plants, and marine animals some species of which are vulnerable, threatened or endangered. For these reasons I oppose the proposed changes to the State Coastal Policy for the following nine issues and concerns as set out and expressed so succinctly by community advocate Planning Matters Tasmania.*

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*Regards*

*Anne Layton-Bennett &  
John Donnachy*

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**From:** Maria Mahoney  
**Sent:** Thursday, 25 July 2024 2:03 PM  
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**Cc:**  
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**From:** David Halse Rogers.  
**To:** Validation (State Coastal Policy) Bill  
**Subject:** 2024 Thursday, 25 July 2024 2:07:09  
**Date:** PM

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This form of legislation is repugnant and contrary to all democratic processes.

Yours faithfully,  
David Halse Rogers.

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**Sent:** Thursday, 25 July 2024 2:26 PM  
**To:**  
**Cc:**  
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**Subject:** Validation Coastal Policy Bill 2024

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Yours faithfully,  
Mrs. E.B. Green

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**From:** Halse Rogers  
**Sent:** Thursday, 25 July 2024 2:39 PM  
**To:**  
**Subject:** Save our Coasts - Say NO to fast tracking changes to weaken State Coastal Policy

I oppose the proposed changes to the State Coastal Policy for the following nine issues and concerns:-

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This form of legislation is repugnant and contrary to all democratic processes.

Yours faithfully,  
Alex Halse Rogers.

**From:** Louise Payne.  
**To:** State Planning Office Shared Mailbox  
**Cc:**

**Subject:** Save our Coasts - Say NO to fast tracking changes to weaken State Coastal Policy  
**Date:** Thursday, 25 July 2024 12:47:50 PM

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Yours sincerely,  
Louise Payne.

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Michelle Pegler

Thursday, 25 July 2024 3:05:58 PM

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**From:** Catharine Errey  
**Sent:** Thursday, 25 July 2024 3:22 PM  
**To:** State Planning Office Shared Mailbox  
**Cc:**

**Subject:** Save Tasmania's special and unique coasts

Dear Elected Member

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We Tasmanians love our coasts - not for 'development opportunities' but because they are unique and largely unspoiled. Do not underestimate how strongly I, and so many other Tasmanians, feel about the need to protect our coasts, not to exploit them for monetary gain. And don't forget how important our coasts are for Tasmania's Aboriginal people.

Yours sincerely

Catharine Errey

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**From:** ALAN CARTER <>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 25 July 2024 4:27 PM  
**To:** State Planning Office Shared Mailbox  
**Cc:**

**Subject:** Save our Coasts - Say NO to fast tracking changes to weaken State Coastal Policy

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This is important to me as I want to see Tasmania's natural beauty and environment protected and for there to be robust rules in place to ensure this happens.



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**From:** George Gowan  
**Sent:** Thursday, 25 July 2024 5:02 PM  
**To:** State Planning Office Shared Mailbox  
**Cc:** Dean Winter; Janie Finlay; Shane Broad; Rockliff, Jeremy; Ellis, Felix; Nick Duigan  
**Subject:** Validation (State Coastal Policy) Act 2024 Submission

I am against changing the Tasmania State Coastal Policy and I want the coast and natural places Tasmania has to be protected from commercial or private development.

Yours sincerely,  
George

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This email was sent by George Gowan via Do Gooder, a website that allows people to contact you regarding issues they consider important. In accordance with web protocol RFC 3834 we have set the FROM field of this email to our generic no-reply address at campaigns@good.do, however George provided an email address () which we included in the REPLY-TO field.

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**From:** Cindy Aulby  
**Sent:** Thursday, 25 July 2024 5:12 PM  
**To:** State Planning Office Shared Mailbox  
**Cc:**

**Subject:** Please say NO to fast tracking changes that weaken State Coastal Policy

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Cindy Aulby (she/her)

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*I am grateful to live and work in nipaluna, lutruwita, the ancient land belonging to the muwinina and palawa people, who nurtured this place for tens of thousands of years. I offer my respect to elders, past, present and emerging, and acknowledge that sovereignty was never ceded.*

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In my submission I urge the Tasmanian government to scrap the retrospective legislation to amend the Tasmanian State Coastal Policy, commit to not interfering with the Robbins Island Supreme Court case and to release its legal reasons regarding the status of existing coastal structures.

Yours sincerely,

Yours sincerely,  
David Miller

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**From:** Emily Hill <e>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 25 July 2024 5:28 PM  
**To:** State Planning Office Shared Mailbox  
**Cc:**

**Subject:** Proposed Coastal Policy amendments

To Whom it may Concern,

I oppose the proposed changes to the State Coastal Policy for the following ten issues and concerns:

1. The State Government immediately stops its attempt to amend the *Tasmanian State Coastal Policy*, **ensuring there is no impact to the ongoing Robbins Island Supreme Court case.**
2. **Rather than fast tracking the proposed changes through the Tasmanian Parliament, any proposed changes to the *State Coastal Policy* must follow the existing robust legislated eight-week public consultation process (with opportunity for public hearings) conducted by the Tasmanian Planning Commission.**
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responsibility to the Tasmanian community to **release the legal reasons** (if not the legal advice) supporting these assertions to ensure transparency in the proposal.

4. **Note the Robbins Island wind farm is yet to gain approval from the Australian Government.** Thus, there is no immediate need to rush through the proposed changes to the *State Coastal Policy*.
5. **The Tasmanian Government has yet to demonstrate the need for this wide-ranging legislation. Evidence must be provided by the Government for the need for the draft legislation to change the *State Coastal Policy*.** The Minister for Renewable Energy and Minister for Parks and Environment Nick Duigan was asked in the Tasmanian Parliament to provide a list of structures that had legal uncertainties (structures such as jetties and wharves). **No such evidence has been provided and thus we remain skeptical of the Tasmanian Government's justification for the proposed changes to the *State Coastal Policy*.**
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7. **We strongly encourage our State Parliamentarians to vote to send any draft legislation to change the *State Coastal Policy* to Committee for further review. This would at least allow further (but limited) community consultation/engagement.** This is especially important as the State Government is choosing not to follow the existing, legislated eight week public consultation process conducted by the Tasmanian Planning Commission. With such an open-ended broad ranging Bill and so many unanswered questions it is critical that it go to committee for proper scrutiny.
8. **The draft legislation (the [\*Validation \(State Coastal Policy\) Bill 2024\*](#)) will potentially provide for a retrospective, blanket approval for all coastal developments statewide since 2009. Such a broad-brush approval undermines previous assessments and permits issued, potentially leading to unintended legal consequences.** The Draft Bill provides a retrospective blanket approval for all developments in the coastal zone from 2009 to whenever the Act

receives Royal Assent. Section 3 Interpretation of the draft Bill [here](#) states that 'validation period means the period commencing on 25 February 2009 and expiring on the commencement of this Act' means that anything built during this time, with or without a permit, is suddenly approved taking away any legal recourse.

9. **The State Government's claim that no mapping of mobile landforms have been conducted is incorrect, with coastal erosion and inundation mapped statewide and publicly available.** Mobile landforms have been mapped for example since 2016 via the Coastal Inundation and Coastal Erosion Hazards Bands outlined on the [www.thelist.tas.gov.au](http://www.thelist.tas.gov.au). The LIST (Land Information System Tasmania) is a whole-of-government online infrastructure that helps the public find and use information about land and property in Tasmania. **See page 17 of the Background Report for further details on the mapping issue and contradictory statement by the State Government.**

10. This continued approach by the Government to deploy underhanded and manipulative methods of bulldozing through legislation purely for developer/private fiscal gains is one of the core issues troubling voters (of all persuasions) and only serve to undermine the electorates already jaded view of our political representatives. In the words of Darren Hinch 'Shame, shame, shame'.

Kind regards,

Emily Devine

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**From:** George Gowan <>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 25 July 2024 5:38 PM  
**To:** State Planning Office Shared Mailbox  
**Cc:**

**Subject:** Concern for fast tracked changes to the State Coastal Policy

Dear Government representatives

Please take a stand against this corruption in parliament. Amending legislation has to have public scrutiny and if the reasons for the changes are to benefit the wealth of a few and NOT for what the public democratically wants then it is inherently corrupt. If this corruption continues it will affect all of us, our children, our environment, our wellbeing and health. It goes well beyond this policy but this is something we are dealing with right now.

I oppose the proposed changes to the *State Coastal Policy* for the following nine issues and concerns:

1. The State Government immediately stops its attempt to amend the Tasmanian *State Coastal Policy*, **ensuring there is no impact to the ongoing Robbins Island Supreme Court case.**
2. **Rather than fast tracking the proposed changes through the Tasmanian Parliament, any proposed changes to the *State Coastal Policy* must follow the existing robust legislated**



**eight-week public consultation process (with opportunity for public hearings) conducted by the Tasmanian Planning Commission.**

3. If, as the State Government asserts, the legality of existing structures such as jetties and wharves is in doubt, they have a responsibility to the Tasmanian community to **release the legal reasons** (if not the legal advice) supporting these assertions to ensure transparency in the proposal.
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**From:** Mike Willson <  
**Sent:** Thursday, 25 July 2024 7:08 PM  
**To:** State Planning Office Shared Mailbox  
**Cc:**

**Subject:** Save our Coasts – NO fast tracking changes which weakens existing State Coastal Policy

Dear State Planning Department,

It seems unacceptable for the Government to try and retrospectively amend the Tasmanian State Coastal Policy 1996, which could interfere with the ongoing Robbins Island Supreme Court case, contravening due legal process. Retrospectively changing this Coastal policy to accommodate a proponent's development and potentially interfering in a Community Group's ongoing court action is a terrible and shocking abuse of our democracy and surely an abuse of Parliamentary powers.

Our coastlines are magical and supremely special places, lacking the development we see in many mainland locations, protected from such development by our existing State Coastal Policy and ownership as Crown land. These are refuges for threatened shorebirds which rely on our coastlines, estuaries and mudflats as their 'winter feeding grounds' during our summer. I recently read Andrew Darby's captivating 'Flightlines' book and had not previously realised our tiny Red-necked Stint weighing just 25g, takes around 6 weeks to migrate in short flights between its Arctic breeding grounds to Tasmania, via a chain of coastal mudflat 'recharging stations' in Korea, China, Indonesia and northern Australia. They spend up to six months here, feeding up (after losing around 40% of their bodyweight on the journey) before being fuelled and fit for the return flight to breed again. Leg banding studies confirm Red-necked Stints can live for over 20 years. Each year, they fly more than 25,000km between the Arctic and Tasmania. Over their lifetimes, these birds fly farther than the distance between Earth and our Moon – an amazing feat for a bird comfortably fitting in the palm of your hand! Truly amazing ...against all the odds, ...until we let it down and develop its home with spinning blades that will kill these incredibly resilient creatures and the 37 other protected species also calling our coastline mudflats their home.

I am very concerned that the Minister for Renewable Energy is trying to weaken existing Coastal Policy legislation by allowing "sensible infrastructure", which would seem to indicate the Government wants to ensure the 500m wharf

required to construct the Robbins Island wind farm (which has not been given Federal Government approval) is not threatened by the ongoing Supreme Court case. This undermining of our judicial system is undemocratic, unAustralian and unacceptable.

I therefore strongly oppose the Government's proposed changes to the existing *State Coastal Policy* for the above and following reasons. I call on a halt to any proposed changes immediately:

1. **The State Government should immediately stop its attempts to amend the Tasmanian *State Coastal Policy* 1996, thereby ensuring it does not unjustly impact the ongoing Robbins Island Supreme Court case.**
2. **Rather than fast tracking the proposed changes through the Tasmanian Parliament, any proposed changes to the *State Coastal Policy* must follow the existing robust legislated eight-week public consultation process (with opportunity for public hearings and public comment) conducted by the Tasmanian Planning Commission.**
3. If, as the State Government asserts, the legality of existing structures such as jetties and wharves is in doubt, they have a responsibility to the Tasmanian community to **release the legal reasons** (if not the legal advice) supporting these assertions, to ensure transparency and allow community consultation on their proposal.
4. **Robbins Island wind farm has yet to gain approval from the Australian Government as it represents a crucial biodiversity 'hot-spot'.** So there is no immediate need or justification to rush through any proposed changes to this *State Coastal Policy*.
5. **The Tasmanian Government has not yet demonstrated any pressing need for such wide-ranging legislation. Evidence must be provided by the Government to justify the need for such draft legislation which could significantly change the existing 1996 *State Coastal Policy*.** The Minister for Renewable Energy and Minister for Parks and Environment Nick Duigan was asked in the Tasmanian Parliament to provide a list of structures that had legal uncertainties (structures such as jetties and wharves). **No such evidence has been provided and thus I remain skeptical of the Tasmanian Government's motivation for any proposed changes to the *State Coastal Policy*.**
6. **Any proposed changes to the *State Coastal Policy* must be dealt with by the Tasmanian Parliament in one package at the same time, and not by two separate 'piece-meal' Bills being tabled at different times.** The Government's approach prevents an integrated review of the *State Coastal Policy* as the second bill is unclear and yet to be released. The State Government is proposing to make two lots of changes to the *State Coastal Policy* – both changes dealt with by separate Bills. The Bill currently out for public comment aims to validate previously approved developments while the yet to be released Bill is expected to create a new assessment and approval processes. The Parliament and the public deserve to see a complete picture of the changes to this important State Coastal Policy which has served Tasmanian residents well over the last 18 years, so they can properly assess whether the draft changes deserve approval, or not.
7. **I strongly encourage our State Parliamentarians to vote to send any draft legislation to change the *State Coastal Policy* to an all party Committee for further investigation and review.** This would at least allow further (but limited) community consultation/engagement. This is especially important as the State Government is choosing not to follow the existing, legislated eight week public consultation process conducted by the Tasmanian Planning Commission. With such an open-ended broad ranging Bill and so many unanswered questions, it is critical that it go to committee for proper scrutiny and the 8 week public consultation period be retained.
8. **The draft legislation ([Validation \(State Coastal Policy\) Bill 2024](#)) will potentially provide for a retrospective, blanket approval for all coastal developments statewide since 2009, which seems entirely unjustified.** Such a broad-brush approval undermines previous assessments and permits issued, potentially leading to unintended legal consequences. The Draft Bill provides a retrospective blanket approval for all developments in the coastal zone from 2009 to whenever the Act receives Royal Assent. Section 3 Interpretation of the draft Bill states that '*validation period means the period commencing on 25 February 2009 and expiring on the commencement of this Act*' which means that anything built during this time, with or without a permit, is suddenly approved taking away any legal recourse, which is misleading.
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and Coastal Erosion Hazards Bands outlined on the



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System Tasmania) is a whole-of-government online infrastructure that helps the public find and use information about land and property in Tasmania. **Such important policy controls cannot be usurped at the State Government's whim to support developers with vested interests, against the public interest which has been well served by the 1996 State Coastal Policy and without adequately justified changes.**

**This is a very important matter which must have full scrutiny from the whole parliament (not just 'waved through' by the Liberal Government), hence this e-mail is copied to all Tasmanian parliamentarians (including our splendid upper house), all of whom I urge to take a strong interest in this matter and act to protect our pristine coastlines, by rejecting these inadequately justified proposed changes to the existing State Coastal Policy 1996.**

Thank you in anticipation...

Mike Willson,

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**From:** Toni Sterai  
**Sent:** Thursday, 25 July 2024 7:20 PM  
**To:** State Planning Office Shared Mailbox  
**Cc:**

**Subject:** Save our Coasts – Say NO to fast tracking changes to weaken State Coastal Policy

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Feel free to also write why this is important to you....

Yours sincerely,  
Toni Sterai

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**From:** Anastasia Konstantinidis  
**Sent:** Friday, 26 July 2024 12:59 AM  
**To:** State Planning Office Shared Mailbox  
**Cc:** Dean Winter; Janie Finlay; Shane Broad; Rockliff, Jeremy; Ellis, Felix; Nick Duigan  
**Subject:** Validation (State Coastal Policy) Act 2024 Submission

I write this submission with the greatest respect for Tasmania's incredible natural coastline and call for the State Government to scrap the retrospective legislation to amend the Tasmanian State Coastal Policy, commit to not interfering with the Robbins Island Supreme Court case and to release its legal reasons regarding the status of existing coastal structures.

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Yours sincerely,

Yours sincerely,  
Anastasia Konstantinidis



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**From:** Des Vernon  
**Sent:** Friday, 26 July 2024 1:33 AM  
**To:** State Planning Office Shared Mailbox  
**Cc:** Dean Winter; Janie Finlay; Shane Broad; Rockliff, Jeremy; Ellis, Felix; Nick Duigan  
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**Sent:** Friday, 26 July 2024 6:41 AM  
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Anita Speed

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**Sent:** Friday, 26 July 2024 7:30 AM  
**To:**

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Yours sincerely,

Alison Phillips

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**Sent:** Friday, 26 July 2024 7:59 AM  
**To:**

**Subject:** No thank you! Changes to the state's Coastal policy

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Thank you for your consideration,  
Alice Carson

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**Sent:** Friday, 26 July 2024 9:08 AM  
**To:** State Planning Office Shared Mailbox  
**Cc:** Dean Winter; Janie Finlay; Shane Broad; Rockliff, Jeremy; Ellis, Felix; Nick Duigan  
**Subject:** Validation (State Coastal Policy) Act 2024 Submission

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Yours sincerely.

Yours sincerely,  
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**Sent:** Friday, 26 July 2024 9:18 AM  
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**Cc:** Dean Winter; Janie Finlay; Shane Broad; Rockliff, Jeremy; Ellis, Felix; Nick Duigan  
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**Sent:** Thursday, 25 July 2024 9:29 PM  
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**Sent:** Friday, 26 July 2024 10:52 AM  
**To:** State Planning Office Shared Mailbox  
**Subject:** Coastal planning

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**Cc:** Dean Winter; Janie Finlay; Shane Broad; Rockliff, Jeremy; Ellis, Felix; Nick Duigan  
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**Sent:** Friday, 26 July 2024 12:25 PM  
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There is less crime and social disaffection in places which are inclusive and affordable and many a person has spoken of taking a walk, going fishing or a swim when they have wanted to avoid what could become emotionally catastrophic.

Tasmania is appealing because of its natural beauty not because it resembles the coastlines of New South Wales and Queensland. Tasmania will drive away tourism and a bright economic future if it endorses the development which has negatively altered the other States. Coastal areas which endorsed development carry the same rates of unemployment as the rest of the country. Taxpayers in those States are now propping up problems with erosion, drainage and pollution.

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**Sent:** Friday, 26 July 2024 12:32 PM  
**To:** State Planning Office Shared Mailbox  
**Cc:**

**Subject:** Coastal Planning

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11. **With best regards,**
12. **Carlos Whiley**

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**Sent:** Friday, 26 July 2024 1:02 PM  
**To:** State Planning Office Shared Mailbox  
**Cc:**

**Subject:** Save our Coasts – Say NO to fast tracking changes to weaken State Coastal Policy

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**Sent:** Friday, 26 July 2024 12:55 PM  
**To:** State Planning Office Shared Mailbox  
**Cc:**

**Subject:** Save our Coasts – Say NO to fast tracking changes to weaken State Coastal Policy

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**Sent:** Friday, 26 July 2024 1:49 PM  
**To:** State Planning Office Shared Mailbox  
**Cc:** c

**Subject:** Save our Coasts – Please vote NO to fast tracking changes to weaken State Coastal Policy

The Tasmanian coast is precious. The unspoilt coast is what sets Tasmania apart from much of the mainland. Visitors come to Tasmania because of the unspoilt nature of our coastline. It is what drew myself and my partner to Tasmania. Please do not vote for anything that may weaken controls over this precious area. If you support more people choosing Tasmania as a short term or long term destination you need to vote NO to changes to this policy. I oppose the proposed changes to the *State Coastal Policy* for the additional nine issues and concerns:

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Regards,

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**To:** State Planning Office Shared Mailbox  
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**Subject:** Save our Coasts – Say NO to fast tracking changes to weaken State Coastal Policy

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***Tasmanian Coastlines matter to me & my family. We moved back to the NW Coast of Tasmania after a working life-time in Melbourne. Currently, I am appalled at the fact that future salmon farms are planned for the NW Coast. Locally I am appalled at Latrobe council's plan to ruin the Hawley foreshore (which is very narrow & home to 2 threatened species -Green & Gold Frog & Eastern-barred Bandicoot) just so that bike riders can have a view of the beach. I am convinced that building a concrete pathway right on the edge of the foreshore will cause erosion & flooding of pathway, road & houses. Latrobe Council are yet to provide an Environmental Plan to Parks & Wildlife.***



Green & Gold Frog at Hawley

**Yours sincerely,  
Anne Lockett**