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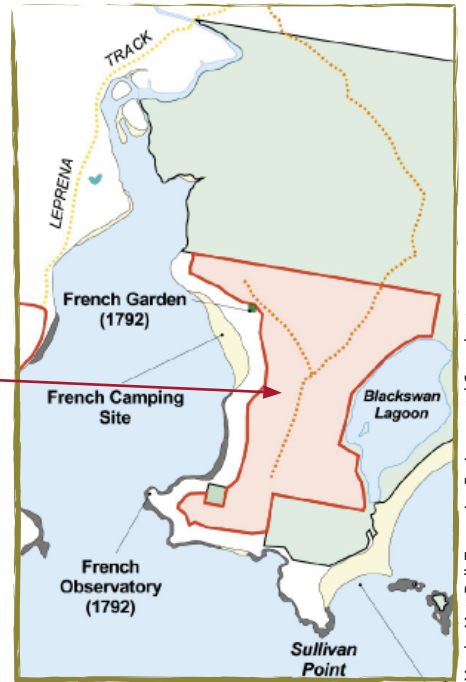
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RECHERCHE BAY SELECTIVE LOGGING IS VIRTUAL CLEARFELL

Ken Bacon Responsible for Farcical 'Protection' Measures, Reversing Jim Bacon's Listing Plans

The Tasmanian Greens have exposed that controversial so-called 'selective' logging planned for the North East Peninsula of Recherche Bay is virtually clearfelling, with only 12 – 14m²/hectare to be retained according to specialist planning advice released by the Forest Practices Board.

Greens Opposition Leader and spokesperson on Forests and Heritage Peg Putt MHA is also critical that the Tasmanian government has insisted that expert archaeological assessments of this key heritage site of the d'Entrecasteaux expedition involving visiting French experts under a partnership with the French government will occur concurrent with logging and not in advance of the destructive activity.

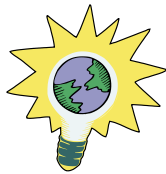


RECHERCHE BAY PENINSULA

Map by Matt Dell, Tasmanian Environmental Consultants

BRIGHT IDEA!

"Honda plans to slash Carbon Dioxide emissions from its factories in Japan by 30 per cent from 1990 levels, using solar power and changing its boiler fuel from petroleum to gas."



The Mercury, 4 April, 2005, page 21.

GET INVOLVED!

Its going to require a massive effort to prevent the logging of the Recherche Bay heritage area. You can help in a number of ways:

Lobby State Ministers

Tourism Minister Ken Bacon - Parliament House, Hobart, 7000, Phone: (03) 6233 2377, Fax: (03) 6223 6224

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Lobby Federal Heritage Minister Ian Campbell -

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"The many people concerned about the destructive impact of proposed logging on the North-East Peninsula of Recherche Bay which is an only partially protected heritage landscape have been offered the sop that this will be selective logging but now we find that logging plans are for virtual clearfelling," Ms Putt said.

"Specialist advice released to the Greens by the Forest Practices Board shows that only 12-14m² per hectare, that is per 10,000m², of vegetation will be retained and this is not what is commonly understood by the term 'selective' logging."

"The destruction will be more or less equivalent to that of clearfelling and will destroy the heritage landscape which is the type site from which may Tasmanian floral species were first identified by Europeans."

"It is the equivalent of allowing logging destruction of the site on which Joseph Banks had made his botanical collections if such a site was intact today."

SPRAY VICTIMS REMAIN UNPROTECTED

As Government Fiddles Over Code of Conduct and Rejects Greens Chemical Trespass Legislation

The Tasmanian Greens last week reiterated their calls for a legal framework, including the creation of a criminal offence and an overhaul of the Code of Practice for Aerial Spraying to address the problem of chemical trespass in Tasmania in light of the distressing case of David Hessian, an agricultural contractor who has twice been sprayed by agricultural chemicals in his work place.

Greens Opposition Primary Industries spokesperson Kim Booth MHA said that he was horrified to hear of the tragic circumstances surrounding the spraying of Mr David Hessian, and of the fact that the government had not offered him any support or counselling.

Mr Booth explained that the first incident occurred on the 15th of

January 2004 when Mr Hessian was fencing a potato paddock and without any notification a helicopter arrived and sprayed him. Mr Hessian suffered from a foul metallic taste in his mouth, dehydration, chest pains, burning in his lungs, shakes, loss of strength and has now developed chronic fatigue and chronic asthma.

The second incident occurred on the fifth of October 2004, when Mr Hessian was mounded ploughing a paddock in preparation for a Gunns plantation. Despite requesting that no spraying take place whilst he was on-site, the spraying was carried out, he became a victim of spray drift for a second time and was hospitalised for 24 hours.

Mr Booth said that Mr Hessian has not received any support or guidance from the government who have simply washed their hands of his problem saying that it is a matter between him and the sprayers.

POLICE BEHAVIOUR OK - BUT MINISTER STILL PERFORMING POORLY

The Tasmanian Greens last week accepted the Police Commissioner's statement that proper process had been followed in the Flinders Island drink-driving matter, but said that this was not the end of things as far as the ongoing unsatisfactory performance of Minister Ken Bacon was concerned.

Greens Opposition Leader Peg Putt MHA believes that the role of police in this particular incident was always a side issue and it was the handling by the Minister of the subsequent

behaviour of his advisor in denying the incident until he knew it would be published regardless, together with his inept announcement of his staffer's resignation which were still problematic.

"I accept that the police on Flinders Island followed proper process, but this does not excuse Ken Bacon's continued poor performance and this is not the end of the matter of a Minister who needs to go," Ms Putt said.

GREENS ANNOUNCE GLENN MILLAR STANDING FOR LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SEAT OF RUMNEY

Ralphs Bay, Government Accountability, Key Campaign Issues

Greens Member for Franklin Nick McKim MHA last week launched the Greens' candidate for the Legislative Council seat of Rumney, Mr Glenn Millar, describing him as a tireless community campaigner.

Mr Millar said that a key campaign issue for the electorate of Rumney will be the fate of Ralphs Bay, where there is growing community concern about the government's involvement in considering the contentious Walker proposal for the area. Other important issues facing the community which Mr Millar will also be working on include access to health services, employment, marine farming, and impacts of forestry operations on the environment and water supplies.

"The voters in Rumney now have the opportunity to send a clear message to Labor that the Ralphs Bay development should not go ahead," Mr McKim said.

"I am delighted to be launching Glenn Millar as a Greens' candidate for Rumney, as I know he will work to represent the community's concerns and aspirations with a dedicated commitment."

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