

**Submission: Draft Statement of Planning Policy Bellarine Peninsula**

We would like to commend the authors of the Strategy Plan. We would like to reinforce our strongest support on the following items:

1. The establishment of rigid town boundaries around the townships of Ocean Grove and Barwon Heads (particularly given the explosive development which has occurred along the eastern boundary of Grubb Road and north of Shell Road in recent years).

We do not agree that these town boundaries should be reviewed every ten years as outlined in the plan, rather they should be locked in permanently to give both township residents and landholders on the outskirts certainty with their lifestyles and ability to plan for future business decisions (i.e., Agricultural infrastructure in rural living zones).

2. We also would applaud the same rigid boundary policies regarding other towns on the Bellarine Peninsula.
3. We strongly support the establishment of green zones between townships and villages on the Bellarine Peninsula as this is the only way character can be retained and habitat for local bird life/wildlife preserved.
4. In relation to the question regarding the facilitation of a strong regional economy whilst protecting green breaks, a careful consideration of size, scope and public impact of all proposed businesses must be undertaken to protect harmonious rural living. The culture of future development would best serve residents of the peninsula by being tailored toward cottage size industries reflecting the unique product and produce of the Bellarine Peninsula as opposed to larger scaled business developments.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to comment.

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