



LIVE+SMART
Research Laboratory

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To Whom it May Concern
Department of Land, Water and Planning

Online submission

Dear Committee Members,

Bellarine Peninsula Distinctive Area and Landscape: Draft Bellarine Peninsula Statement of Planning Policy

Thank you for the opportunity to complete a submission in response to the draft Bellarine Peninsula Statement of Planning Policy.

This online form submission outlines the value of an environment in the Bellarine Peninsula that can support the need to enhance cultural, social, economic as well as environmental criteria in establishing a resilient and unique area supporting sustainable future and leaving behind a place to be enjoyed by our future generations. We strongly believe that the distinctive landscape areas of the Bellarine be informed by the principles of ecological stewardship, supported by rigorous planning and development processes - based on empirical evidence from research and modelling. This need to include the principles of biophilic design and planning, which are currently lacking in the policy statement.

I look forward to the opportunity to discuss our submission further, as a member of the Live+Smart Research laboratory as well as a concerned primary resident in the area.

Yours Sincerely

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Declaration:

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