

I agree that there should not be unlimited urban development on the Bellarine Peninsula.

However I strongly disagree that there should not be any further housing development outside the defined areas, whilst still protecting coastal and sensitive areas.

There is unmet demand for housing on the Bellarine Peninsula and this demand will only increase in the future. Also the children of existing residents would prefer to live close to their family and not have to leave the Peninsula. This demand can only be met by expanding urban or rural living areas. These new rural living residents would plant more indigenous native trees further beautifying and improving the environment whilst contributing to combating global warming. This is evidenced by the number of trees planted in existing rural living areas.

Development has already taken place in my immediate area, Curlewis Golf Club with hotel accommodation, restaurant, entertainment and event facilities. Leura Park with restaurant, wine tasting, event and entertainment facilities. Golf Driving Range with dining and liquor license. One Day Estate with event and entertainment also The Adventure Park and Flying Brick Cider House which are not far away from my property. There are also a number of rural living properties close by on both sides of Portarlinton Rd and nearby Curlewis Rd.

In any new urban subdivision each lot should have a minimum of 1010 Square metres (a quarter acre). The new rural living areas could have a mixture of 1ha to 10ha lots, providing green and native tree breaks between settlements.