

Submission on the Draft Bellarine Peninsula Statement of Planning Policy.

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The policy does not address the need to ensure that new dwellings should be at a safe height above expected future sea levels to ensure that lives and properties are not lost due to extreme weather events. Areas such as the existing farm land between Shell Rd and the sand dunes should not be developed and could become a valuable part of the Bellarine eco-system

The importance of shade trees near dwellings and in playgrounds has been neglected for many decades. In playgrounds, parents need shade whilst watching children, children need it to cool off. Dwellings would use less energy to keep cool and the space around the dwellings would be valuable recreation areas. An added benefit is the added habitat for birds.