

We are the owners and occupiers of the property known as [REDACTED]
We acknowledge with thanks your letter, undated, concerning the above, received recently.

We have lived on the Bellarine Peninsula since 1972 and had the good fortune to bring up our family here. We chose it for our home because of the wonderful natural beauty, charming villages, countryside and seascapes. Obviously much has changed and the seemingly inexorable march of Melbourne suburbs to embrace much of the Bellarine Peninsula has largely destroyed much of what attracted us to the area.

However, it does appear that an effort is now to be made to control the seemingly unbridled development of the Peninsula and we very much support the proposals to retain what is left of the beauty of the Peninsula and retention of agricultural uses. In particular, to establish/protect hard town boundaries, to prevent increasing encroachment of inappropriate commercial developments of the remaining countryside.

Somewhat ironically, we are beneficiaries of the hitherto flexibility of planning controls as we live on a golf links development outside Barwon Heads, and relocated here some nine years ago from the grossly over developed Ocean Grove, where we lived for forty years, principally to enjoy the long views, relatively sparse local population and the experience of green space. Notwithstanding, this is not a precedent to follow.

However, looking at the relentless attempts to expand the Barwon Heads town boundary further west and the quite extraordinary hectares of new suburbs between Geelong and Barwon Heads, (generally known as Armstrong Creek), together with the westward march of Point Lonsdale to Ocean Grove (to name two only of many areas of growth on the Peninsula), it is clearly time to provide certainty to all as to the preservation of the remaining attractive attributes of the Peninsula.

Accordingly, we wish to strongly support the proposals incorporated in the Draft and welcome the efforts [REDACTED] beyond which development will be precluded.