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To: RPDC
Subject: Against Walker Corporation's Ralph's Bay Proposal
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To Whom it May Concern

As a Tasmanian and a Global Citizen, I would like to urge you to reject the the Walker Corporation's proposal for Ralph's Bay. This, the beginning of the 21st Century, is neither the time nor the place to be contemplating such a development. Please learn from the irreversible and negative consequences in other locations within Australia where such developments have been allowed.

This proposal, if approved, represents an unacceptable threat to our wild coastline, and to our economically vital clean, natural brand. Allowing this style of artificial waterfront lifestyle development will destroy a vital part of Tasmania's natural advantages in this part of the State. I understand that this area is a critical part of the Derwent Estuary Program and as such is critical to the recovery of the Derwent River. It is also an important area for many resident and migratory bird species. The endangered Spotted Handfish is also resident inside Ralphs Bay. The Walker proposal is certain to introduce an unacceptable risk to the survival of this species.

There is now an opportunity for the RPDC to demonstrate it has moved into the 21st Century with all the threats and opportunities it presents. This is not a time for more of the same thinking that has wrought so many negative consequences upon the environment, climate and the whole of society.

Yours sincerely

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"Until he extends his circle of compassion for all living things, man will not himself find peace." *Albert Schweitzer*

People all over the globe are talking about ways to lighten our carbon footprint and accrue carbon credits. But what about our compassion footprint and compassion credits? *Marc Bekoff*