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Dear members of the RPDC

I am most concern of something a read not long ago. I understand that Walkers Corporation has tried to build a similar project in NSW, but was rejected by the RPDC over there. Consequently Walkers took the State Government to Court and won the case for which the Government had to pay thousands of dollars in so called compensation.

I am very worried about the power these and other corporations have over local and federal government and would like to plead to you not to be deterred by or intimidated by them, but simply not let them in our community.

The development in Ralphs Bay is pure destruction. Reports from Walkers are inconsistent and not in details. As a science student I know the majority of the bird species there won't be able to relocate, the reason is very straight forward, this is not what these birds do, and evidence of this fact are all over the world for similar developments. Other reports in species of microalgae in similar developments also cause concern, as they show a reduction of some crucial species. These are the base of the food chain and without them many species may suffer.

Our planet is already under a lot of pressure and we simply can't afford more input of pollution, just for the greediness and ignorance of a very few. Allowing this project to go ahead might seems an easy way out, but the price this island will pay will be catastrophic.

I really do not know who would buy such expensive, appalling buildings, with very ordinary views, and knowing it might be under water in ten years time. For all this reason, this project is not even commercially viable and therefore irrelevant.

Anyone who is aware of how delicate this matter is wouldn't dare even thinking about it if they knew that their lifestyle will cost species extinction. For those who don't, well we don't want these people in Tasmania.

Please listen to the people, don't let this happen, the people of Tasmania needs to know there is some hope among so much ignorance, corruption and destruction.

Regards

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