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Executive Commissioner  
Resource Planning and Development Commission  
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Dear Sir,

Proposed canal development at Ralph's Bay

I, like many Tasmanians am concerned at the potential loss of a delightful natural habitat should this development proceed.

My wife and I were living in Mandurah, Western Australia during the building of canal estates there in the 1990s. While at first sight this seemed good for the town, the area soon began to sink and become what can best be described as an area of open sewers as the drainage failed. The value of the properties fell quite dramatically and we avoided the area as much as we could.

I have little doubt that the same thing will happen at Ralph's Bay should the development be allowed to go ahead. I urge you to reject this undesirable project.

Others will stress the ecological loss which will occur; I leave that to them; reject this idea purely as it will be bad building and degrade the area.

Yours faithfully



Andrew McKinlay