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To the General Manager, Flinders Council.

Thank you for the opportunity to write regarding the proposed Local Planning Scheme.

Firstly, I write to accept the proposed scheme pertaining to 180 Badger Corner Road. It is clear that in this day and age, selling food (and obviously offering 'comfort' facilities) to the public in addition to the guest house I currently run, on a road which is the gateway to the National Park, where other accommodation, a vineyard and winery exists as well as a heavily used boat ramp (yet there are no public facilities or refreshments) is warranted.

My second representation is to submit that the provisions of the current scheme are adequate to protect those two islands of Little Green Island and Little Dog Island.

I do not agree to Council having a discretionary say over whether any development, tourism or otherwise, shall go ahead.

It is clear to me that developers promise to enhance the environment without any evidence and after the fact, the opposite is shown to occur.

The mutton birds' burrows and their nesting on Little Dog and Little Green are of great concern. I believe that Flinders Island Council has two grave responsibilities regarding the mutton birds.

1. It has an international responsibility to protect the habitat of the mutton birds.
And
2. It is the only body that can protect the non-indigenous cultural and traditional harvesting of mutton birds by local Flinders Islander's. (As the non-indigenous residents were forgotten and not considered at the time the Council took money for the airstrip in exchange for Cape Barren Island etc. from the Tasmanian State Government.) Local non-indigenous people are at the whim of the owners of private land as the only option to harvest their own mutton birds.

Tourism on the outer islands such as Little Dog and Little Green Island will bring disastrous results to the Islands especially the mutton birds - one only needs to look at what occurred in the case of the puffins of the northern hemisphere.

Finally, I have found the Tasmanian Planning Scheme Documents as well as the Local Planning Scheme documents, very difficult to navigate and understand. They are probably beyond a lay person's realm therefore many responses will most likely reflect that difficulty or people may find it hard to respond at all.

I think this is bad situation for democracy and the ongoing involvement of the Community with important issues such as planning on Flinders Island.

kindly from

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