

PROPOSED BRUNY ISLAND SPECIFIC AREA PLAN (SAP)

JOINT RESPONSE BY

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BRUNY ISLAND ENVIRONMENT NETWORK (BIEN)**

The three community organisations have met to discuss the SAP and its implications for residents and land owners on Bruny Island. This follows widespread concern expressed by many members of the community.

Whilst our organisations have different foci, they all have a strong commitment to the core principles and ideals that underly the sense of community that exists on the Island. It is in the spirit of these shared community values that this response has been provided.

It was generally agreed that:

The concept of a SAP is supported so that identified natural, cultural and social values of the Island and its community are considered when use and/or development occurs.

The current document is overly complicated, difficult to understand and use, and contains many matters that can be simplified.

Each organisation has different perspectives on what the SAP should cover and these will be the subject of separate submissions from the three organisations.

Real and meaningful community consultation and input is required during the finalisation of a Specific Area Plan.

Simplifying the SAP

The view was expressed that the SAP needs to be made 'user friendly'. The following suggestions were discussed as means to achieve that:

1. Rewrite the preamble and the objectives so that the focus is on the Island's natural and cultural values.
 2. Make the definitions simpler by ensuring that they are written in a way that can be understood by users.
 3. Clarify the distinction between permits for use and permits for development as this is a major source of confusion.
 4. The process of applying for a permit be clearly and simply explained in supporting documentation
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Addressing these matters can make the SAP more relevant and user friendly. The key to achieving this is to base the operation of a SAP on a site analysis/assessment approach to identify how natural and cultural values can be properly considered when development occurs.

This representation asks for real and meaningful public consultation on the content of any SAP or SAPs, and expresses the willingness of the three community groups to participate proactively in such a process.

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