

## Ansons Bay Progress Association



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The Hon Ivan Dean MLC

Dear Sir

The Ansons Bay Progress Association wishes to comment about the potential of the Eddystone Point Lighthouse as local built heritage.

In reference to the first term of reference, we believe the magnificent granite lighthouse is an Australian icon. There is a great deal of interesting history available about it. At our last meeting, there was a discussion by a number of members who had visited Cape Otway Lightstation, on Victoria's Great Ocean Road, which has a café and accommodation and tours and a marketing website. It was agreed that both Eddystone Point Lighthouse, the cottages precinct and the spectacular setting were all actually far more superior. What great potential?

The Break O'Day Mayor spoke recently of the five East Coast municipalities combining to make an East Coast tourist route that would include the Anson Bay/Gladstone/ Bridport Road. A bitumen road would have a huge impact because many people do not like to take their cars onto gravel roads and some rental companies completely ban them. If this idea comes to fruition, there will be considerably more traffic passing close to Eddystone.

Further enormous future potential would be if the Musselroe Golf Course development gets off the ground. There will be international tourists looking for local colour, even fly in/fly out tourists, may be looking for attractions close by. .

In reference to the fifth term of reference, our members, many of whom have had a long association with the lighthouse, hope that the parliament will see fit to maintain Eddystone Point as belonging to everyone because it is actually everyone's history both European and indigenous. We believe it would be satisfactory for indigenous Tasmanians to run a tourist enterprise, if that what they want to do, as long as some body such as a heritage organisation monitors the care of the buildings and the grave.

Yours Sincerely

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Hon Secretary

