

## **Proposal:** Cape Bruny Lighthouse

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### **Proponent / s**

Mr Craig Parsey & Ms Lesley Buchanan

Bruny Island Safaris

### **Location**

South Bruny National Park, Cape Bruny Lighthouse

### **Description of proposal**

Bruny Island Safaris proposes to introduce a sustainable, quality experience to the Cape Bruny Island Lighthouse precinct.

The staged approach proposed to utilise three existing heritage buildings to establish visitor accommodation, a caretaker's cottage and a booking office/café. It also seeks to introduce new interpretation signs and a broadened array of visitor touring experiences.

Bruny Island Safaris is an experienced operator that has been delivering experiences to Cape Bruny Island Lighthouse in the South Bruny National Park since 2012. The company currently employ Island based guides whose specific role is to conduct lighthouse tours. The company also run bus and walking tours that operate in a number of reserves across the Island, including the Bruny Island Neck Game Reserve and other locations within the South Bruny National Park.

The proposal includes the following stages and improvements:

#### *Stage 1*

- To undertake management, maintenance and refurbishment of the 3-bedroom 'No.1 Quarters', including an upgrade of the septic and water tanks. The house would be utilised for both its touring clientele and to cater to the self-drive market. Visitors will be surrounded by sea cliff coastlines, have access to beaches, hear the ocean and witness a working lighthouse.

#### *Stage 2*

- A full-time Bruny Island Safaris caretaker would reside in the 'No.2 Quarters' and undertake the management of the Cape Bruny Island Lighthouse Station. It is proposed that this role would have responsibility for, but is not limited to, cleaning the No.1 quarters; maintaining the lighthouse station; daily weather observations for the Bureau of Meteorology; mowing lawns; conducting sunset tours; and other duties as negotiated with the Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service.
- Sensitive adaptive reuse of 'No.3 Quarters', including existing museum, to provide a meeting place, booking office and simple eat-in café that would also offer gifts and memorabilia.

#### *Stage 3*

- Interpretive signage and tours. This stage will work to enhance the visitor experience through interpretive signage and the development of tour products which are more expansive and involve more time beyond the greater Lighthouse area.

### **Estimated jobs created**

The proponent has advised that the proposal will create 10 new jobs in total with an investment value of approximately \$180 000.

### **Social, cultural and environmental impact**

Director Craig Parsey has a strong connection with Bruny Island and its local community. He lived as a child with his lighthouse keeper family at Cape Bruny and attended the local District School.

Bruny Island Safaris have consulted with and will continue to engage with the local Aboriginal Community, *weetaipoona*, based at the Murrayfied property, with the view to providing Aboriginal interpretation as part of its tours.

Practicing 'Leave No Trace' sustainability practices, Bruny Island Safaris is committed to reducing waste, regular waste removal, and promotion of waste disposal practices and behaviors through clear signage. The café is proposed

as an eat-in experience, with no takeaway food items and using reusable crockery.

All proposals are required to obtain all other necessary statutory approvals through the Tasmanian and Australian Government and State planning approval processes, with any associated costs to be borne by the developer. The site will remain open to general visitation from the public, with the addition of the adaptive reuse of the light station quarters as noted above. The Cape Bruny Lighthouse Station is listed on the Tasmanian Heritage Register which means that any works carried out must be approved by the Heritage Council through a Certificate of exemption or Discretionary permit.