

My experience with the community has been very positive in that all BI's we have met have been helpful and friendly.
I have been accepted and welcomed by many people on Bruny. There are all sorts of avenues for a new comer to slot in if you are willing to make a small effort.
99% of our community are amazing. The small amount of power trippers who try hard to intimidate people they haven't even met are the reason why some of us don't want to go to community meetings. There also needs to be a way working, flat out people and families can give input without having to attend meetings. I think social media would be a great way
I have good friends but privacy/trust amongst the community is still an issue for me. The rumour mill/gossip can be rampant and damaging so it does stop me from fully participating and "putting what I think" out there. At times I think there is a lack of respect for a difference of opinion. Sometimes groups seem to have difficulty reaching agreement over matters - debate is healthy but sometimes it seems paralysing, disrespectful and damaging on a personal level. There have been some wonderful community leaders emerge. There are many positive social activities on the island that help break down barriers between people/groups/sectors of the community.
It seems quite "us" and "them". If you haven't been an island resident for a long time or have a strong history with the island then you seem to be on the outer. There are a few community members who seem to control the shape of debates in the public domain
Decisions being made by minority groups of, once again, 'new' residents who think they know better.
Diverse community. Seems to be heading towards becoming a retirement home and attendant conservatism ie resistance to change - in some places anyway.
I feel comfortable in the community and find it friendly and supportive. Feeling that the island is a special place and they are privileged to live here, some people translate this into demands for special and privileged treatment.
Interesting diverse people.
Diverse, artistic, confident
I feel that a lot of the venues/businesses where you might expect to connect with other locals are largely tourism driven and that more venues of varying style and character where locals would like to hang out together would create a stronger community.
Supportive, fantastic.
I'm a surfer and have found the local surfing community on Bruny to be really positive and friendly, it's a pleasure to be apart of.
In the short time we have owned property at Alonnah we have been so impressed each time we are visiting at the local events that are on offer and how friendly everyone is.
I really think that we as a community need to regulate tourism, I don't mean this in a negative way as I like the fact that young islanders can stay and gain employment on the island now. Why not use busses either side of ferry? Even electric green!!!!
We interact with more community members who, like ourselves, holiday on Bruny with permanent residence elsewhere. However the attachment of all property owners to the beautiful, at times idyllic, place we share is very strong.
I suggest a new form of weekly or monthly newspaper be developed that is also online. Possibly to be printed in Hobart subject to costings.
There seems to be a increasing negative "anti tourism" vibe.
With an ever increasing residential population and tourist population, there's an urgent need for more infrastructure especially relating to public access for toilet facilities and rubbish collection. Most

people moving to or visiting Bruny do so because of its uniqueness and beauty, but then want it to stay that way, I think it's going to be difficult to maintain a balance to preserve everything beautiful about the place with out a great deal of thought being put into it. I have noticed also with great concern over the past decade or so, how the structure of the undergrowth in a lot of bushland has been decimated by the wallabies. The bush through Adventure Bay, up Lockley's Road and around Lunawanna used to be thick, you couldn't see through it, let alone walk through it, now it's all gone and is very open. Any Ideas how to stop them?
It doesn't seem united
Important that north and south work together for effective results
The community is divided between supporters /employees of entrepreneurial tourism operators and residents and shackies who value the natural values and quiet enjoyment of the island. Unrestrained tourism development with deteriorating infrastructure and economic domination of the island by a limited number of government preferred tourism operators is becoming a major factor in disruption of the social fabric of the island
Too many people come here because it's 'so nice' and after 6 months they want to change everything.
I would love to take part in more events but work four days per week on the mainland. When I am at the house, I am often there with visitors, often from the UK, who all love the island. We always go to the Art at the Point cafe and gallery, Get Shucked, Bruny Island Cheese, The Neck (when it's not riddled with Chinese visitors!), Adventure Bay, Rob Pennicott's new centre and then Cloudy Bay. I also lend the house to friends to enjoy the island too. Hopefully in a few years' time, when working less (and my dogs are less bouncy!), I will be able to stay there for longer periods and take part more.
A community house would be great as a hub
New people come down and want to change everything, they get bored and then they leave.
We are not living full time on Bruny yet, am about to build residence so only a little involvement with the Bruny community as yet but looking forward to more involvement when living there after house built. We strongly value a sense of community, and would suggest any investment in facilities, groups, events etc that give opportunities for residents (and visitors) to be involved
There appears to be a lot of community groups and I wonder if they are all necessary or are they duplicating effort.
I can still 'see' the north/south divide
We have found islanders slow to get to know us even though we have been here for over 15 months and have attended many events. Islanders are not as welcoming as they perceive themselves to be overall
As I appreciate giving my time to a lot of islanders, Bruny saved me from a hard time. This island gave me a job, a place to stay. I will remember all those positives energy from this community.
We are new to the area and are cautious in our approach expressing any opinions. First we must learn to live here and we respect the locals and their way of life.
Have not had much involvement as I am new to the island and am currently establishing my property.
Community is a slippery notion. The Bruny community sees many people come, live and depart within seven years. The community now is very different than what it was ten years ago and twenty years ago. It is a much more fluid, changing community than people realise.
We live on an island because we like being surrounded by water it gives us separation independence and we use it as a resource for food, recreation, transport, work and just for its splendour.
Had for a long time issues with access, right of ways and neighbours.
The Bruny Island community seems very supportive

At times they seem very divided it is either one groups way or they other groups not good at working together
The negativity on Facebook surprises me. In person I found everyone quite friendly.
Can I please share my frustration that as a shack owner I have had to 'tick a box' to say that I am a 'shackie' rather than a part time resident, we pay the same rates as permanent residents and have to access the same services. My husband and I routinely spend three nights of every week at Bruny, desperate to get there after work on a Friday evening, returning to work Monday morning on the first ferry. The constant reference to 'shackies' can at times make one feel as though we are not as valued as 'permanent residents' when we all contribute in one way or another to the local community, even if it just by looking out for ones elderly neighbour, sharing produce from ones garden, or picking up litter from the beach on our daily walks.
The Bruny Island community is quite fluid and changeable. There are some people who have been involved as Islanders for many decades. And there are some, who are no less passionate about Bruny, who have become members of the community quite recently. Given how fluid the community is, it cannot be regarded as a fixed entity or holding any fixed opinion. However, there does seem to be a degree of continuity over the decades and I think that this lies in our shared love for this magical island, and is evoked by the beauty of this special corner of heaven.
Always been amazed at the Bruny community, always helpful and look out for each other
We came to Bruny as tourists and were struck by its natural beauty and diversity. As we traveled and explored the Island we met people in the community and were amazed by their openness, hospitality and knowledge, we were welcomed at every stop and found the people within the community to be as beautiful and diverse as the Island itself. Our times on the Island and within the community inspired us to become land owners on the Island with a plan to ultimately become permanent residents of this unique and inspirational place. Bruny Island, as it is today, is a place of serenity, intrigue and friendship,,,a perfect place to live "Our Dream".
The Bruny Island community is a close, caring, informative collection of people from all walks of life, they are creative, generally positive, and only want the best for the community at large, welcoming tourists, and mindful of others needs, even if they are not "their cup of tea!" they generally accept that everyone is different, and each person may have a fresher outlook and bring new ideas to the island.
There seems to be a number of Bruny Island communities, who often have quite different views on all kinds of issues - conservative long term residents, artistic/green-leaning long term residents, pro-tourism (usually running a small business), anti-tourism etc
There is a strong split between the Northerners and Southerners
Sadly my views regarding the Bruny Island community have changed dramatically since the introduction of the Facebook page Bruny Notices with many posts revealing intolerance of others' points of view, rudeness, bad manners and division within the community. When we first came to Bruny over 20 years ago with the intention of retiring here we wanted to fit in with the locals but I don't get that impression with the recent influx of newcomers. I have withdrawn from a lot of social activities and prefer the company of some good friends I've made through [deleted identifies individual], an involvement that cemented me as part of the community that I no longer have any confidence in should a disaster or hard times come to pass.
Such a diverse range of people, with different reasons they live on Bruny. Not expected to all agree! Not likely either.
It is rare to find a community as active or so strong as Bruny
Very supportive when the crunch comes. Look at response to Paul Barnett's fire.

My community is not everyone. I think access to community is not difficult. There is community support if one seeks it out.
Some people are very negative about any change, some are positive and we are in between.
The ferry needs a residents/shackie lane in peak times. Waiting 3 hours in line when we pay rates etc is unfair
I belong to a community on the northern end of the island we feel we are geographically distinct
Over my time on Bruny my involvement has changed - community and needs evolved with that.
I believe Bruny is quite a strong community but swayed by "clicky" groups
Adventure Bay has a typical little "clicky" community culture which we avoid.
Islanders are special. They care about each other and the land they share.
My observations show that people often rally together to help each other in a time of need
Sparsely populated, therefore friendships are few.
A very inclusive community, who welcome new residents warmly, with invitations to join local community groups and and opportunities to create long-lasting friendships
I feel I can be very involved with the community or more or less
The north end works well together but cannot agree on anything that involves the south
We need to encourage young families to the island.
Too many new residents trying to change the island lifestyle and take over the running of the place!
Always a pleasure to see the community come together, especially in times of crisis, which has been overwhelming in the recent house fire of our friend. The donations and caring helpful people have been amazing.
At times the demographics shift - does change the interactions with community
I believe the community is much more divided nowadays than in the past. I blame this on people's divided views on the benefits of increasing tourism and fish farming around Bruny.
Bruny Islanders generally stick together - some are a bit contrary.
Bruny Island is more polarised than ever
When organising events work in with each other instead of competing against each other.
Do not visit the Bowls Club because a person does not feel welcome. Groups that do attend are very clicky . Not a social atmosphere for outsiders. I know many ex members that have not renewed memberships.
Very cliquey and lots of nimbyism. A dislike/distrust of development and tourism opportunities. Not sure if this is right place but something needs to be done to make the ferry service more user friendly. The two ferries is certainly heading in the right direction but more consideration needs to be given to residents/shackies during long delays. Perhaps a webcam on both sides so that people could check the queues would alleviate frustration.
Sometimes I feel groups are narrow minded, only focused on their agenda without looking at the big picture.
Having visited the island about 50 times over 14 years I'm still amazed at the divisions between the North and South of the island. From our limited experience both communities work well independently but it would be great if there was one event a year that could bring all of the island together or at least some smaller events. The island needs one big festival like the Cygnet folk festival or the Houn Valley mid winter festival to bring more people from both communities together. Maybe piggy backing onto the Mona Foma and Dark Mofo event with smaller satellite events could be an option and venues could be alternated between the North and South ends of the island. The best event we have ever been too was an open day during NAIDOC week at Murrayfield where there was a

wonderful sense of sharing within the indigenous community of Bruny Island.
Bruny Islanders have an amazing network of events such as Hoppies Jamboree, Film night art etc. There are great opportunities for connection across the local community. We find when we walk our dog people are friendly and kind and its lovely. One point of concern is the fragmentation that might be happening due to high tourism numbers and I think a tourism strategy is needed to get appropriate strategic growth in place for employment, economic development and infrastructure.
Tight knit group.
The older residents are a majority and people are very set in their ways, they live there for the peace and quiet and don't want visitors to the Island. I have witnessed visitors asking for information from one of the shop employees and she was quite rude and barely answered the question asked. To encourage growth on the island we need young people to reside there but this will not happen without growth and employment
Adequate policing and security of vacant properties would be appreciated
My main involvement has been trying to keep the airstrip as a public facility run by council. I own a light aircraft and lease a property from Bob Elliston. The property I own is at Lunawanna the main concern there is unsealed road dust noise and ever increasing traffic. I have support of the local community. But nothing has changed.
I would say in time of need the community would assist. Full time residents don't mind intruding on your space ( property ) if it suits them however!
The community at Dennes Point seems to be divided on issues and this affects the ability of the community to work together.
I love the laid back generosity of people there.
At this stage not really aware of or been involved with BI community. Certainly very impressed with Jetty Café/art shop at Dened Pt and friendliness of people there.
Love the community connectness. Very special place.
a friendly and helpful bunch of people.
My involvement with Bruny community is through longstanding friendships and groups such as Barnes Bay Cemetery, Bruny Island Historical Society and attended some environmental field days. I don't actively seek contact with community but feel the people are friendly and helpful. The Bruny News illustrates there are lots of groups and activities could get involved with. The fact Bruny has commissioned this survey suggests a sense of community on the island and community life is important.
The [deleted identifies individual] need to treat everyone the same and stop focusing on just the tourists when you go there have waited to be served for 20 mins or so but they will serve tourists straight away. Our money is as good as the tourists.
These are very generalised responses. E.g. For a brief period some years ago we lived on Bruny, had kids at the school etc and therefore a much greater community connection than currently as intermittent visitors.
I don't like the way some community members criticise tourism online and in the media implying they are speaking on behalf of the majority of islanders.
Many opposing views. There seems to be Friends of Adventure Bay, BIAC, Pennicott, Kingborough Council, all of whom seem to have their own agendas, and the ordinary residents who don't seem to have any input to what goes on in Adventure Bay.
It's really about two communities – North and South. We'd like to be more involved down south but expensive in petrol and timing [difficult] to do exercise classes etc

Need more involvement in community projects
Unfortunately many more recent residents try to change what initially attracted them.
Too many self-interest groups - "Friends of...", "BICA" etc
It's the most important thing in my life.
Bruny Islanders lack worldliness and tend to be self-centred. They need to travel more as people from other states do.
When I broke my ankle my neighbour (1.5 km away) bought me some op shop clothes, found my knitting and pattern, to save my sanity (nothing for brain in nursing home or Repat).and visited me. Other friends visited with animals. A marvellous help.
I have a sense that there may be a feeling of division between north and south Bruny communities which is understandable due to the larger population hubs in the south around the school and health center etc. However, north Bruny has a few focal points and an effort is made by BICA and other organisations to hold meetings and events in the north and south which I recognise as an effort to engender a greater sense of community across the north and south. In a way this may not be necessary. For example, if you think of communities on the mainland, e.g. Woodbridge and Kettering are not far apart but have there own sense of community and also share between neighbouring communities.
There seems to be a lot of 'groups' (BIAC, BICA, BIEN etc) which don't communicate with each other. Maybe a common group that a representative from each group could attend, so everyone is informed of what the others are doing.
I'm an introvert so don't want or need a lot of social interaction. Nevertheless, I value living in a place with a strong sense of community, like Bruny.
Everyone is friendly, but I don't seek friendship.
Cork Club etc help those in need. BICA, CWA etc
It is pretty helpful to find information on Facebook Page.
Never lived in such a caring/sharing place.
The road sealing on the built up areas should be a council job. I think the council has a lot to answer for.
Diverse community! But pull together when necessary. An independent group. Resources better utilised if people could ask and coordinate.
We do have a great and supportive community. It is important that this continues to apply.
The size of the community means volunteers are crucial to the ongoing effectiveness of local services. Having been here 30 years, I observe a lack of 40-50 year olds stepping up to replace the ageing base of current volunteers. (The Fire Service being an exception). Young family people are busy but the empty nester and newcomers in that age group aren't coming forward.
My answer to A4 is lower than I may have said a year ago, since the schism that the health service issues have recently raised. Also there are some quite negative (even accusative/bullying) comments people feel free to express through Bruny Notices e.g. the 'ferret' comments recently. The comments also bring out the 'live and let live' support as well.
I plan to be more engaged when I retire
Our community is reliably supportive
Mixture of long-time residents and new arrivals. New arrivals seem to be more vocal about problems they perceive than long-term residents.
Basically a caring community.
Strong regional identity i.e. North Bruny vs Adventure Bay



It was the community which made us move permanently to Bruny.
We need more attention be given to people - not on-line.
At times of crisis the community has helped me greatly to cope and recover.
We need to be remembered that we are not on-line and still have paper mail only and phone. We have a deluge of summer visitors, more this year than last. We need urgently for the government to attend to the essential services, Bruny ambulance and SES dependent on volunteers who are ageing and overworked and health care needs more help especially over summer/Easter. When we had BIRCH (now Huon Regional Care) I used to get help once a year with gutters, smoke alarms, chimney sweep at a small cost, now nothing. I find it very hard to find someone to help me, even once a month for above, plus, bed making and changing linen (very difficult for me now). Heavy lifting, beds, furniture, fridge, stove, washing machine - we need more paid people men or women to help the aged.
Many people who have participated actively have become disenchanted and disheartened because of a lack of recognition by Governments and an obsession of pouring more tourists on to the island and expecting locals to manage the consequences.
Everyone knows your business but they also care about each other. I love being waved at wherever I drive and knowing that so many count as friends.
This is a community who appreciates their Island.
Notions of a single community are false and inhibit ability for regions to improve
We live in a small NSW coastal tourism based town called Kiama. We have watched it lose it's identity over the past 10 years. Mainly due to overcrowding and multi level unit development for investors who negatively gear holiday units but also due to overexploitation of tourism sites and of course the ever increasing urban sprawl flowing out of Sydney. Please hang on dearly to what we have here in Bruny because once it's gone you wont get it back.
Gold.
We have just recently moved to Bruny and are overwhelmed about the friendliness of the Bruny Is community. One of the reasons we decided to live here was to get involved with community. The people here have exceeded our expectations.
Arrogant. Narrow-minded. Self-entitled
The people that I deal with as far as shop owners, tourism operators and local workers, they are fantastic and I have nothing but the utmost respect. These people are a pleasure to deal with. The residents - that I know - are lovely and have a lot to offer for the future of the Island.
Sense of community is a major positive aspect to life on Bruny.
Delightful.
We have only been here a year, and have been heavily committed with settling in and with obligations away from the island. We wish to play a greater part in the life of the community in future.
The north / south divide is the biggest limiting factor to the whole community working together. Considering the animosity is generational in nature I cannot see in the foreseeable future that a whole-of-island community will agree on anything.
The pockets works well (rat Bay) Dennes etc but harder to get a whole of Bruny view
I love it!
Small community life can be difficult to adjust to. A 'Welcome to Bruny' pack for new residents including volunteer options could assist. Maybe real estate agents would be best placed to deliver?
There is strong community 'mindfulness' but we are often divided by differences in opinions e.g. 'green' vs 'forestry'
Like any community there can be difficulties e.g. gossip, but overall the community pulls together at

times of difficulty/crisis
Children help with intertwining the new families to the island and school plays a big part in mixing the community.
Like any community there are various groupings - old/young, long term residents/newbies, wood chop aficionados/artly lattes, they tend to rub along quite well together. I would say I am in the non-aligned faction. The island itself has a uniting influence on all of us.
Unique, largely because of island status and partly because of age distribution (i.e. older age group weighting).
Unfortunately it appears to be polarised and fragmented and tends to be a microcosm of the macrocosm of Tasmania eg those holding strong views or closed opinions v. the rest. A good deal of bickering on social media prevents moving forward on some issues.
There are many 'sub-communities' here. Often there is little or no contact between them.
The public halls are very important.
Can be fractious, argumentative.
BIRCH has been a great organisation for bringing the older community together.
I love being part of this wonderfully connected, even if it is very easy to get over-committed to lots of different community groups/roles.
We have enjoyed the years we have been here and have found the community very welcoming
I find Bruny Island residents are always volunteering in some role.
The community was a major part of moving full time from Qld - it is a positive experience for example Bruny Island Boat Club welcomes all - the plantings was what got my interest not boating.
There are many, especially on social media who refer to 'Blow-Ins'. There is evidence of an US and THEM mentality.
Very supportive and really friendly
Some people get more support than others depending on who they are and what groups they're in.
It's a great community, even though much more sparsely populated up North. Help is always available by neighbours or volunteers.
There is a tendency for North and South Bruny to act independently when a whole island approach would be better
Best community I have lived in.
New comers wanting to change things.
It is a microcosm of any larger one, having and displaying parochial attitudes but to a lesser degree. Some tension occasionally between perceived 'locals' and 'newbies' regarding the future of the island.
They are always there for friendship, comfort, help and make you feel the same
Too many people have too much to say about other people and their activities - unfortunately usually towards a negative opinion.
There are too many blow-ins (BI).
When any problem occurs, the islanders help straight away
On a few groups - RSL Aux; CWA etc. The old locals are friendly. Don't rely on community, just friends.
Community is so good.
Being able to 'live and let live' is important to me. If conservative groups or interests impose their values and regulations on people outside of their conservative group/interest, then I will take issue with that. In that it can impact the introduction of progressive policy and legislation.
Each township has its own identity as well as a north or south identity and then a Bruny identity.



Bruny has biased decision-making and too many 'poor me' mentalities
Too many committees for Islanders to work well together.
We have been welcomed with open arms to Bruny Island. The community is amazing. My aim is to be an even bigger part of Bruny by volunteering and joining in with groups now in action and those that will become available in the future.
All 'non-investors' very keen to preserve the amenity of the island from degradation and gross overdevelopment caused by grossly excessive tourism numbers, especially overseas.
Networking groups is important and issues and events shared. With a few younger families on the island now, pace appears to be picking up e.g. Co-Op which ran for 20 years in the 1980s-1990s is alive again!
Some of the newer members of the community have different values, attitudes and 'rules' for living than the established community, which is long-standing free and tolerant lifestyle and attitudes. Many of the long-term community feel that the newcomers are imposing their rules upon the island community and are distressed that their way of life is disappearing
I feel a strong and positive connection to my neighbours and friends on Bruny Island, knowing there are people around who can support/help if I need
Easy going community - plenty to get involved in
I am most friendly with other people who have moved from the mainland as we tend to reach out to others. Find the local Bruny residents tend to mingle with those they know.
Easy going
At times there is division between north, south, Adventure bay and lack of communication between the groups, however everyone seems to be proud to be a Bruny Islander
Since Bruny norices has started on facebook I am much more aware of current issues around the island and what residents are really feeling about issues
It's a pleasure to come from the big smoke where people hardly know their neighbours to come to Bruny and experience the close knit community and how they interact. This is one of the highlights of staying on Bruny.
The community is warm, well-educated, ethical and care enormously for the well-being of the island and the islanders.
Educated, thinking, sophisticated, environmentally aware. Older – finding it difficult to cope with delivering emergency services.
As BICA, BIEN and FONB all support a Biosphere Bio-regional approach, the most important recommendation for this study is to have Biosphere/Region process adopted. The Biosphere process is very inclusive and detailed.
The more Bruny seems to be, re: tourism, the less connection there appears to be.
I feel like there is a strong level of community on the island. This is one of the attractions. We should be careful in future as our community grows not to fracture.
Increasing factional qualities in a population tend to hinder effective action on important issues. Too many cooks with too many recipes and more arriving daily!
I feel we have been welcomed into the BI community here in Great Bay – we have our own little community in which we get together for social events which we organise.
The major reason for our permanent residence on Bruny Island is due to the sense of community that is lacking in urban areas. We are both happily involved in community 'self help' activities.
It's just people. There's nothing special about them.
It is a wonderful community on Bruny Island. There is a very effective group that represent Bruny

Islanders well.
Some community members want all the say – yet have no involvement in the community.
Newcomers are more prepared to interact with each other.
Café staff can be indifferent at best, hostile at worst.
They do not seem to be able to get together as one voice.
Do not like being known as a 'shackie'
There is a somewhat hidden and quiet community on Bruny that I really appreciate. I get great strength from interactions with this 'sector'. Although not very active on the visible community front, for me this community of hermits and stalwarts forms the backbone of what makes Bruny so special.
The Dennes Point residents are very aware of all family and residents events.
Dennes Point community is interactive and mostly welcoming and friendly. Jetty Café provides a great venue for interaction.
Typical small community, pull together when needed. CWA activities. Creative residents. Health Centre. Local music, theatre, talented older folk. Call outs prompt.
I believe that your attitude has a large impact on your experience within the community.
Great, friendly community. All pull together in times of need.
It's a lovely community, but tends to be a bit divided with various groups trying to do similar things.
Healthy connected communities are critical to the future of Bruny Island. Tourism if not one in a balanced way will lead to people leaving and the community soul will be destroyed (e.g. Strahan) as local people leave the Island.
North-South / East-West divide still strong.
Broad mix of people for a small population.
The community is fractured.
Nice people. Vicious grapevine and gossip. Very regular small town stuff in my experience. I wish to have more involvement with the community.
Somehow we need to connect all the various community groups. A community house would be fabulous – it's needed to link all the groups and enable them to support each other.
I find there is a lot of people with quite negative views or trying to stop things happening. I would prefer to be involved in making positive things happen.
The North/South issue was interesting to hear about from some people but not sure it is a real problem. Some people are very negative about any change and some people whinge about everything.
Most community groups i.e. Historical Society, Choir, CWA, Library Circle meet during work hours. This automatically excludes working people. This is a real shame! Plus Men's Shed – why is it not called Community Shed?
An interesting mix of people but I have found that during an emergency such as fire all are willing to help and any difference forgotten.
Although there are absurd local divisions within and between North and South Bruny there are many good island-wide community organisations such as BICA and BIEN that have spoken with a strong voice, such as visitor numbers and inadequacy of basic infrastructure such as public toilets and rubbish collection to deal with them. The problem has been that State and Local Government have regularly ignored the community voice because the governments are so development oriented. The DAP process is a case in point and provides valuable lessons.
You can only reap from that which you sow.
Very supportive of one another and myself. Sometimes little problems can turn to big ones if there is

a not a 'great deal' of adversity faced on a day-to-day basis.
There are too many people (new arrivals) with too much time on their hands making changes to our island. The people who really know the way forward are all too busy working hard.
For such a small populace, Bruny has many social/community groups covering a huge range of interests and there are many opportunities to be involved with other islanders sharing my interest.
Need more activities on the island for the community to join in e.g. bush walking.
On average the majority of Bruny Islanders are friendly, co-operative and supportive and enjoy being part of a special community.
Whenever I come to Bruny, I am mainly busy with family matters and always with lots of maintenance. Communicate with neighbours.
A place of a wonderful mix of people with differing vocal views however the common denominator is an appreciation of the pace of island life and a respect for what makes us whole.
I feel things are often done without adequate consultation to the people it will affect i.e. those who live in the bush saying what should be done to beaches etc.
Overall supportive community. Increasing division and frustration resulting from 'new' residents wanting change when 'old' residents feel content with services.
Wonderful community spirit
I came here with my parents and stayed. All Islanders are friendly and sometimes too 'nosey'. [Deleted identified individual] This community is very well serviced in comparison to similar areas in Australia. Nothing to complain about.
My impression is that there is still a divide between North and South Bruny Island, not only geographically but socially as well. This may have been a hindrance in the past. It has been wonderful to have different groups on BI unite against the proliferation of fish farms recently however.
The community can at times seem a little diverse in views and geographically North and South have a little divide socially. I think important issues facing the whole island is proving a bonding process.

I suggest workshops for 'lifelong learning' via the online centre are set up to provide options for further education and open learning. This would be particularly effective for people otherwise unable to access informal adult education classes offered by institutions such as TAFE.
Highly commend Bruny Island District School
My opinion may differ if Woodbridge School was not accessible to Bruny kids and if the quality of education was not what it is or better at the School as it has an excellent reputation and a thriving School environment. It would be great if Woodbridge School went to year 12 to reduce the travel time into Town for Bruny kids (I am aware that we may move off island during College years to accommodate this need). Our children attend Primary at Woodbridge School as we live in Apollo Bay and are part-time commuters off island so the travel time is more practical. We love Bruny School but could not make this work as commuters (inability to make school pick-up/bus drop-off or the hours available for after school care with Francis at Simpson's Bay on our work days).
BIDS is excellent but the stress of thinking of my child boarding for year 11 and 12 has a negative impact on our family. We cannot afford to live off island for that period. Apparently Woodbridge isn't going to go to year 12 and even if KINGSTON did, we do not have a bus running at the right times to get our kids there and home.
Access to education for children and adults is a hugely tricky issue. When children reach high school level it is really stressful for some families to weigh up the practicalities and options for high school. The travel time and practicalities for our children to attend Woodbridge High District High were prohibitive. Many families make the same choice and parents purchase/rent a place in town and split live for the duration of high school. Yes, its a choice to do this, but it is still stressful, costly and hard for many families of teenage children! Limited and unreliable access to internet is a real consideration for on-line learning. My children had a wonderful, rich, well supported primary school education on the island. By upper primary my children were ready for more social engagement appropriate for their age group. This happened informally at the skate park, in the surf, at the jetty fishing, jumping off the pontoon on a hot summer day..... fantastic opportunities that were impromptu and informal.
If not possible to have Year 12 on Bruny, at least at Woodbridge
High-speed internet access would be the most important factor in my view for access to considerable education available online for most age groups. Short courses on skills training, preventative health etc could be more available.
Excellent primary school. Woodbridge leaves a bit to be desired. Lack of inspiration in those critical 12-16 years is a real problem. The travel factor doesn't help and most successful kids live in town and don't commute. There is no further education and little Adult Ed. Real opportunity for short courses that utilise the natural environment, food etc
My children are in primary school so current level of access is good but once they reach years 11-12 we will be looking at leaving Bruny. It's nice to have access to short courses here, however it's still quite easy for people to go off the island for short courses, it's the long ones that are difficult.
It is paramount that there is a primary school on Bruny Island staffed with passionate and extremely capable leaders. The school needs to be fully resourced and our distance from Hobart factored in! The school should be the hub of the community with connections to other community groups. It is a wonderful educational experience for students here on Bruny and one to be envied by others!
Children under 18 are vulnerable. Travelling to Woodbridge required 4hrs daily travel. Which is a lot. Unless you have the financial resources to support children to live away from home or board. It is extremely difficult, some children extremely disadvantaged. Ongoing courses where available

through the health Centre – these have ceased.
Being a small, closed, separate community means it is essential for people to be able to access broader experiences at all ages. This supports connections within the community and opens the community to new opportunities and to growth and community development as a whole. It enriches the community by broadening the horizon and mindset of the individual.
It is a consideration to all parents and does cause turmoil/stress. The inability for a child to access Year 11/12 while living on the island is a challenge. An improvement in bus/metro/ferry connections to allow commute to college would be positive. Alternatively there is talk of supporting Woodbridge to become a K-12 district marine high school which would benefit and suit many young people and their families.
Cost of getting to and from TAFE and Uni whilst living on island is prohibitive. Many times would have to stay in town.
The opportunity for short, practical, life-relevant skills and courses delivered on Bruny would be fantastic.
I am currently not learning and have no children living with me who attend School. I plan on attending study in the future so it will be very important to me that I will have reasonable access to classroom based learning in addition to online and on the job training.
The economics of offering year 11/12 on the island is not there, however if Woodbridge offered year 11/12 that would be great as not only would the children from Bruny have access other rural areas could access instead of all going to Hobart High. For TAFE/Uni courses, as with other regional areas, online access is often available for rural students.
I have had the pleasure of visiting bruny island school to vote for the calendar photos, some of which are about to adorn our walls at alonnah. The staff, p and f and school are a credit and if we lived on bruny we would certainly be most happy to have our children attend. As a teacher, I envisage the day in the far off future when I am retired and can spend more time on Bruny, volunteering at the school if possible!
Nice school, no security guards is a plus for kids)))
While I can see that being able to do Year 12 on Bruny would be good, the size of the school would mean that options would be very limited so I think that students would really be better off attending a bigger school on the mainland.
Education for some cohorts can be accessed online. However primary education is – I personally feel – important to occur face to face as children learn social skills during these years. However what is the right model for learning needs to be preceded by a question of what is the focus of Bruny Island. Growing resident numbers and tourism etc will mean more money flowing to the island; a greater need for education options but these "loud voices" I mention in an earlier question seem to want to put the drawbridge up!
It would be very hard to complete a face-to-face tertiary course while living on Bruny, which I imagine would also 'drive' people to move to the mainland. I think that online course providers could be explored with students potentially utilising the Alonah IT facilities where required.
Given Bruny's demographics, seems unrealistic
I think the Alonnah School is great, but once children get to the age of 11 they need a school with more facilities (science labs etc.), a broader outlook and friend base, so going over to mainland schools is preferable. Not to mention there is no realistic alternative. Regarding further education – it would have to be online, and many courses now provide this option. Some courses, where students just attend lectures – fine: others where group/practical work is required (engineering, medical etc) –

just accept that you have to move off Bruny for that span of a few years. Adult ed? I'd love to see some art classes, photography classes but obviously numbers would have to make it worthwhile. But courses could be tailored to the resident population – and part-timers might be able to join in!
Re: TAFE and Uni – I assume that any course that can be accessed online should be available to Bruny residents – though some areas of Bruny have poor coverage.
Once facilities, schools etc are gone they don't come back, so protection and support for these facilities are paramount
As I don't have school aged children I can't comment on this section. However I would say that as a former resident of a rural community access to education is extremely important especially for younger children.
The potential for locally organised, informal life long learning could be more fully realised. On line learning opens up opportunities for accredited courses nowadays, however there needs to be off-island facets to this especially for younger people.
Having the ability to school children on the island is important not only for the children but also for the community with regard to involvement etc.
The school does not yet seem to welcome or look for assistance or support very well from the community.
BIDS Primary school is a good foundation for kids the interaction with their environment is unique
Doesn't affect us directly
Proposing a year 12 access on Bruny has no merit.
My kids are grown but were they here with me, I would expect they could access good education on Bruny.
Subsidise ferry transport for education purposes. Educate and Involve locals in wildlife surveys (etc). Short useful TAFE based (or otherwise) courses could be easily held on the island Education increases the community's skills, and quality of life, as well as reducing anti-social behaviour
I personally feel that it would be detrimental to offer education to year 12 on Bruny Island, there is not the number of school pupils to ensure that education to this level would be economically viable or robust, but, in saying that, vocational courses would be an excellent option, such as in the marine, farming , hospitality etc....
Both my children had a great start in life thanks to the Bruny school. However, it is important that young people have wider horizons than just Bruny, so going all the way to year 12 on the island would be a negative thing for those children. It would be great if Adult Education were revived and more courses for adults were offered, but that seems unlikely to happen while governments, both state and federal, are so fixated on fiscal austerity and on demanding a measurable monetary outcome.
Children should be getting a decent education and mix with a diverse range of cultures leaving the Island for education was the best thing we done for our children
We believe that every child that lives on Bruny Island has a right to receive an education within their community. We work in education and are privy to the importance of families being able to access the services that are a right in Australia. As parents of teenage children currently living in Melbourne, we cannot fathom the idea that our children would have to move away from home to access Secondary or Tertiary Education if they did not want to.
I don't think offering Year 12 on Bruny is practical or desirable for students, despite the disruption of having to study somewhere else. the community is too small to support quality education past year 7 and students would miss out on choice etc.
Primary school yes. But given size of Bruny and population, high school and formal higher education –



no. Could not possibly deliver the range or quality of subjects required.
I think focussing on giving primary school children the best education possible is very important to give them the background and confidence to move on into the real world of high school off island. Realistically the island population of school age children is just too small for any government to go to the expense of providing a high school on the island; if we can't get a few more toilets built or the rubbish issue resolved then forget about a high school.
Primary school is very good.
Great primary education. Options for secondary education are OK. Long days for students travelling to Woodbridge. Staying in Hobart breaks family ties, however this is sometimes the only option.
Not enough social context, peer group, difference, population [for Year 11-12 on Bruny]. Primary school lacks accountability, diversity. On line [access to TAFE] OK - part-time journeys to UTAS maybe OK.
[TAFE access] only if able to access good internet service
If I spend more time at the shack in the future it would be good to be able to learn things on the island
My children are now grown and living elsewhere, but for many years we made life decisions around education eg moving to Hobart 5/7 for High School.
Important that Bruny Islanders have the infrastructure to enable access to distance learning in particular. Would be fantastic to see more outreach programs from TAFE and Universities taking place on Bruny
Schools are integral to small communities. It is vital that the school continues.
Primary school option are very important but high school and college options are better served in a larger demographic area-Access to educational opportunities is best suited on-line- Ferry issues, distance and costs negate direct access to educational opportunities
I can learn just about anything online
Critical in the retention of the Bruny Island primary school in Bruny attracting families with children .
An opportunity for learning through TAFE or equivalents would be desirable.
TAFE, Uni, school students should be able to use the ferry free of charge
I would like to see some more 'on island' work experience for high school leavers to keep them on the island. Apprenticeships etc.
Both of our daughters attended Bruny School...the best education ever!
Not having children I really have no thoughts about education on Bruny - though the museum could be upgraded.
To encourage younger residents there must be a quality education system equivalent to 'mainland' Tasmania.
As an isolated area, we have to expect some limited services, but there are options online or elsewhere. It is important for young kids to have a local school though.
Bruny needs education to support young families and our new generation. A school can create the opportunity for close community networks.
It would be interesting to explore with UTAS a campus hub in the Environment or Agriculture faculties.
It is very important as a community to encourage the next generation to stay and work where they live
Being a qualified trainer and assessor, its difficult to make a judgement call without empirical details
Poor or no phone or internet at the airstrip. Difficult if not impossible to access information and the weather is very important. I am a retired teacher of 36 years experience in secondary education -to year 12. - As online learning has become the way of the future I think that education to year 12 is feasible with a significant saving in travel time.

Bruny Island students should be treated no differently to any other student in Tasmania. I had to board in Launceston and Hobart to undertake my matriculation and degree studies.
As retirees we are not directly affected by access to education and have therefore skipped several questions.
Primary school is very important and important children don't have to travel too far. My views are mixed about grade 11 and 12. Some students would prefer to stay home whereas others are happy to go away and board. I prefer the college system where attend a college with lots of subject options. These range of subjects cannot always be offered in a school with few teachers and students. I disliked high school and was glad to get out and go to matriculation college (note I lived in Hobart). I had friends from the Huon who were at the at matriculation college and boarded in the city at Trinity, a residential college, during the week, on the Brooker Hwy. This site is now holiday apartments. Some university courses are now offered externally and online (ie Deakin Uni Victoria, Charles Sturt Uni, even UTAS offer some courses online) so could live on Bruny and do these courses, particularly if main focus is just studying the course. Note: with many uni courses can now submit assignments by email dropbox. Some university courses require attending on-campus classes eg using science labs or studios. Some students like campus life in order to make friends, meet people and make connections, participate in discussion groups and tutorials, and joining uni clubs and societies such as sport. I've completed uni courses both on-campus and online so appreciate the value of both. I have a friend on Bruny who studies at the uni part-time. Commuting to uni classes would depend on the timetable when lectures are scheduled.
I have had family members attend the bruny school and have had to leave to attend higher education which had an impact on them and they dropped out.
Plans should focus on the technological resources available to residents that could support online learning.
B2 I skipped the Year 12 question as I regard it as desirable in an ideal world, but totally impractical in this one. Not enough students; therefore not enough choice. What are the chances of Advanced Maths & Physics options? B3 Dependent on courses and internet options.
Flexible learning and distance learning should be an option for Fine Arts degrees at UTAS. The university should allow for webinar/tutorials and lectures so students only have to travel for studio based classes.
Living at Dennes Pt [in terms of access to education] is very different from living at Adventure Bay/Alonnah.
Need more educational tours on Aboriginal history, ecology and marine ecology for locals and tourists
North Bruny children have gone off island for the last 50 years, so much of this question affects the South
Literacy is good. Education leads to better decision making.
The Alonnah School is one of the BEST schools I have taught or volunteered for.
Primary school kids should have broader education on home crafts and woodwork etc other than that no more should be spent.
Education should be increased to at least Year 10
I personally probably would not seek education opportunities on Bruny but understand that others may want to.
I think it would be great to have access to Adult Education Classes on Bruny. Also some courses for the younger school leavers to access.

It's a huge problem for 16 yo kinds to move off to attend college. Quite often can cause families to move off, this affects Bruny School numbers if there is younger siblings and the family has to move off.
[Access to tertiary education] it's doable, but depends on whether the person can stay overnight in town when necessary (e.g. with friends) or whether courses are available online.
Would like to do gardening courses and exercise classes.
You should not move to Bruny Island or any Island or any remote area and expect to have access to everything.
School is great. Little Penguins is essential.
Primary school is great. High school means leaving the island...selling up and relocating.
I think having internet access is important, it's something most local go without. reception is a huge problem, I think with NBN access school and education on Bruny would be improved.
Recamia and volunteers at Online Centre VERY helpful.
Primary school is here and needs to stay there is no secondary school so no need to comment.
It is difficult to see that the current situation will not continue and we wil have little influence in it improving
Need short tech courses for phones, ipads and computing
Woodbridge has 'Woodwinds' Community Centre which is used for all measure of community events including U3A and other classes/workshops/courses. Bruny lacks a dedicated community centre, relying on use of regional halls and the Jane Finn room at the Health Centre. A centre based on Woodbridge's model with a paid manager would be a neutral venue from which education and recreation opportunities could be offered.
Post secondary education off the island often means a re-distribution of families e.g one parent in Hobart supporting an older student and one parent and younger children on bruny island (at least during the week). Woodbridge seems to work well - very important tha the ferry timetable supports this, including after-school activiities either at the school or Snug/Margate etc
As a part-time Islander, I have these opportunities elsewhere, but it is obviously more difficult for others.
Education in terms of adult access to academic, arts-based, physical (pre 2017) at Health Centre, healthy living and preventative courses, community walks, gardens etc very important.
40 students do not a secondary school make. [Access to TAFE/University] defies logic.
The questions don't specify whether they refer to children or young people or general public who might use short courses. Is it intended all those options be available on Bruny? Not practicable.
Slightly more education services for older residents would be a good thing.
Need to create an environment for young families
Would like to see Neighbourhood House/Adult Ed/ U3A type courses
Better transport should exist to transport students to off-island facilities if not available here.
It is probably impractical for more physical schooling resources to be provided but given the demographics of the island population it would be possible, I would think to provide more on-line opportunity and to utilise the breadth of human resource available in a voluntary fashion, probably. There is also an opportunity fo provide both education and accommodation for refugees and migrant groups, for example.
I think question B2 is confusing and unclear. You need to define "leaving Bruny". I don't think staying away from Bruny on a part-time basis is "leaving Bruny". I think young people should have the option to pursue whatever education they desire, but some will choose to board away, have family away,

attend institutions in other cities etc. For many, travelling every day from Bruny, would make education difficult and exhausting, and limit choices.
Better transport for students to further education, TAFE/University in Hobart.
I haven't been here long enough to have an overall opinion. Personally, I am intending to do a Tafe course. In order to complete this 6 month course, I will be most likely be staying with family off the island for the duration of the course.
It is people s choice to live here therefore they can do distance education on line or travel
I think Bruny Islanders like others living in non-urban centres can't expect to access the same level of educational offerings as people living in more populous rural and urban centres. In terms of Uni, many courses or elements therof are accessible online. This may also be true for TAFE. However the more trade related courses would naturally require on campus attendance and this could not be expected to be delivered on Bruny.
This issue doesn't affect my family. But if, in the future the need arose for me to move to our property I would be enrolling my children at the school. So at this stage there is no affect on my family. But it is important to have the availability for the families that have children to be able to attend school in their community.
The more the better.
Having been in rural communities all my life i think it is extremely important to have the school remain open on Bruny.
I don't have school age children but a healthy ,active school is integral to a balanced community. Parents need to know they have a good education system and that encourages young people and families to stay on the island. These families then form the workforce for the expanding tourist operations and other services on the island.
There is simply not enough people living on the island or children attending the Primary School to consider the need to increase the level of education available. The school bus service for off-island education is excellent. If there is a need for any improvement it may be that the Primary School bus extends its route to cover the main roads on North Bruny Island.
Important to have K-6. After that more flexible options required
University of 3rd Age or similar would be fantastic.
I think it is important to be able to complete employment related education e.g. safe service of alcohol etc on island. It's often not an option to stay overnight in Hobart to complete courses.
Children can do distance education. Perhaps a central hub, but it would be substandard level of educational scope to provide post-primary school.
A course for computer and smart phone usage.
Offer comprehension lessons to the users of Bruny Notices!
We left the island due to completion of Grade 6 for the eldest child - if school had been able to accommodate to Grade 10 we would have stayed longer but I believe it was a good foundation for our children to have a country upbringing.
Young people should have choice to complete Year 12 on island.
The social component of Primary Education is crucial and well-delivered on Bruny.
Living on Bruny can be an education in itself.
Many recent arrivals (new residents) are highly educated.
Great school.
We need a 'Bruniversity' along the lines of U3A where people can share skills, knowledge, languages.
I just found that when my children were attending school, the school didn't have the facilities that the

bigger schools on other side have.
I think more people would complete year 12 if they didn't have to relocate. i/'m looking at completing further study through university. It is an online course and internet is touch and go - not very reliable - on the island.
No children - older lady - volunteer with school for Wild Schools for my education of my new home and made welcome from all adults involved
Getting out / off the island for education is a positive thing.
I am a part-time teach at the Bruny School. I think more people would complete Year 12 if they didn't have to relocate. Only online courses could be completed living on the Island.
Did not have school age children when we moved to Bruny, but I think access to education is very important on the Island for those living here.
Need more Adult Education style stuff but not at the current prices!
It would be unrealistic to have Year 12 schooling with the present population.
Great school.
Because of the small numbers I feel the children would benefit from being involved with a larger number of children and opportunities.
Obviously numbers (ie demand) will influence the provision/level of education and most when deciding to live on Bruny should take this into consideration and not expect the unreasonable.
The children I've met are very polite and friendly when spoken to. Very helpful.
Not affected by it - but seems adequate. Online Centre a bonus. As with Library.
Very important for primary. HS students are getting up at 5am. Next year 12, year after 2.
Education does not affect me majorly.
Access to courses that train and empower community members with sustainable lifeskills etc is important e.g. chainsaw use; tractor and machinery use; learners drivers licence on island; land and environmental management courses etc...
Bruny has a wonderful primary school it would be great if kids could go to Grade 10 here, socially as well as educationally.
I have no opinion on education as education in the 'West' entirely is dismal. Schools, education systems need to teach how to think not what to think.
Before Bruny living I had the availability to do many educational courses. I would be very grateful if that could continue on Bruny or be accessed close by. Never too old to learn. I have been a member of local community houses before Bruny where I could meet those like-minded people, join in with arts/craft, gardening, walking groups etc etc. I have also been able to do course relating to health and well being. I believe that keeping alive both in mind and body is the secret to living a long healthy life, which in turn does not put a burden on the health systems available. Preventative! It worries me that families have to move off island in order for their children to get an education. Therefore also adding to the older population on Bruny.
it would be good to have some U3A classes on Bruny Island or more courses run by Access Online Centre i.e. Adobe Photoshop
There is a large older retired population on Bruny. They NEED short courses available to them. If not on the island then they need transport to off island activities. If transport is not available, then courses need to be provided here.
We choose to live here. We have good ferry access and so long as you have a car and good internet access then access to education is not problematic.
We love Bruny School and plan to have all our kids go to our local school. It's a real community hub.

Really needs to be a bustop for kids at the Apollo Bay turn-off
The school is special. Children learn unusual and quality life skills and entrepreneurship compared to 'town' schools
We have 1 child at Bruny Island District School, with 2 to follow in time. We would like them to be able to complete high school from Bruny Island i.e. 7-12
Hoping Woodbridge School will go to Year 12 in the future
Schooling on Bruny to Year 12 is only good if there is a large population however socially and to experience new things, I think it's good for students to mix with a larger cohort. I feel that Bruny students are disadvantaged with the education on the island
Hoping one day that Woodbridge will go to Year 12
Mature age education/learning would be interested in. Worried that students have to stay off island for education. Think that students are better to go to mainland for secondary exposure to other students and the broader world
With only 30 students at primary school level it would be difficult to provide a reasonable syllabus/teachers/programmes for Years 7-12
Being a retiree education to gain qualification is less important than education to gain knowledge. The on-line centre is fabulous to find out what is going on in the world, but short courses would be more so
80% of students completing Year 12, complete Vocational Education in-school programs. The practical part of this could be completed on-island and the theory on-line but it is better that they go to town for the theory part to meet others doing the same courses. Courses could also be delivered via video links. Off-island accommodation is an issue for 7-12 and tertiary education. It is expensive and hard to find.
As half of the population are over 60 and active and healthy, there should be active education opportunities.
Promotion of on-line courses may be to the advantage of some.
As a former teacher, access to adequate education is very important. There is not the population to support High School, so I think the local Primary School does a great job!
Access to Adult Education eg TAFE courses would be great to give people looking for employment greater opportunity.
Access to adult learning course would be very good. Former Adult Education programs were always well attended and encouraged social interaction.
I am a young single man with no children. However there is very little opportunity for adult education. TAS Uni was hopeless for Bruny.
B2: At present the number of students involved wouldn't justify the infrastructure necessary to deliver the services.
It would be useful for adult education if there was a late night ferry service to return from Kettering after evening classes.
I have completed a post-graduate certificate part online and part course attendance from Bruny without difficulty. Full primary schooling here is essential and non-negotiable. Probably desirable to leave island for secondary.
Children up to Grade 7/8 should be able to attend school on Bruny – it is a long day to travel by bus to other schools. Older children can cope better. Short courses would be great – gardening/art/sustainability etc
The Bruny School appears to be nicely supported by the general community.



If you want everything, live on the mainland.
Bruny Island children (and parents) are very lucky with the opportunities offered and the quality of education at the Bruny School. As a BIDS 'old scholar' I very much look forward to my children attending the school and I hope they enjoy it has much as I did.
As there is no high school or further education on Bruny it would be helpful to improve public transport to/from Hobart. A 7.30/8am ferry time would also be great.
We need greater 'after school care' options. At present only 3 days / week available and spots are always full up so you can not get your own kids into care.
B3: Is very hard without leaving the Island during study times.
Retired so not affected however it is very important that children on Bruny are not penalised because they live on an island without easy access to educational centres.
I feel that children need to further their education after primary years off island. The numbers and the social benefits cannot be met by a small district school.
I'd like to see learn to swim education on a regular basis for all ages, but mostly focusing on youngsters.
Learn to swim programs for primary age students is important. Access to a pool on Bruny would be advantageous.
It's important that courses are regularly run covering areas of interest that have been identified by the community.
Nothing will change.
It's all very well to suggest that young people have the option to complete Year 12, but there is limited structure, staffing and the range of subjects would be severely limited. Other Schools close by like Woodbridge would be cost efficient.
The primary school on Bruny is excellent!!
Bruny schooling is fantastic!
The numbers of Bruny students doing years 11 and 12 preclude doing them on Bruny. Short week board in Hobart or similar, is the best. Uni/TAFE ditto. Bruny should host 2 week live-in courses for Tasmanian Yr 9 students in agriculture/tourism/self sufficiency, giving the Bruny students (including mature age) a real life lesson in getting to grips with rural life and hence a job.
I am glad that children can attend school. I think it is preferable that teens attend school at larger schools so that they may have more options for learning and activities.
It's necessary for young people to 'leave' Bruny for a time to gain the right education. However it'd be great if education at the older years (Yr 11/12) was more accessible from Bruny i.e. a ferry service that connected up to a bus that could get young people to Hobart and Kingston in time to start classes. A skillshare system would be great for ongoing education at a community house. Young people could hold youth groups at a community house.
Many young people are ready for a larger social circle by the time they finish year 6 and definitely by the time they finish year 8, Bruny just can't offer that. Leaving the comfort of the island school community at that age also helps grow their visions and confidence.
The school may be small, but there is a wonderful family atmosphere and the students receive high access to curriculum and extra-curricula activities.
The primary school is lovely but could do with some upgrading to facilities eg better area for garden/cleaning facilities; an outdoor undercover area for play in all weather. Better classroom facilities than could double for use after hours for running adult education services/classes. Although not on the island but it would benefit Bruny if the Woodbridge School went to Year 12.

Having come from NSW where all students go to Year 12, we feel that Tasmania needs to come in line with the mainland. As BI will only have a small amount of students going to year 12, these students need the options of either correspondence studies or/and Woodbridge High School. Woodbridge High needs Year 11 and 12 so all students in the area can benefit.
I think we have an amazing primary school and the teachers are outstanding. Couldn't think of any better place to learn as a kid. I do think they should be 'exposed to the world' at secondary school though by going off-island even if that provides difficult family decisions.
There is huge scope for face-to-face, website and app-based education and learning about the wildlife and natural environment on Bruny, and how to appreciate these natural values responsibly, which would be of great value both to Islanders and visitors.
Transport restrictions – currently not all students provided with adequate, safe independent access to transport. Would appear to be restrictions on our availability of 'independent living' advise/education – perhaps this may be a communication issues as well.
The community would grow and become a lot stronger if students could complete Year 12 on the island. "Parents usually go with the kids".
The Bruny School is an absolute gem. All the kids seem to go on to greater things.
Distant/online courses are available but most off-island components cost a lot for transport/accommodation. [deleted identifies individual] – invite an expert to run workshops etc.
No direct experience but primary seems to be well taken care of on the island; high school at Woodbridge? College and TAFE may have possibilities but wider experiences necessary.
Children should complete their secondary education off the island to broaden their horizons as part of their development.
There needs to be lifelong learning opportunities available to all ages e.g. children, teenagers, older people – U3A and Adult Education and Wildcare.
I am sure the parents would like to have their children educated on Bruny but I'm sure it would come down to money. Does its warrant the money? All country children in Tasmania need to bus to school.
B2 and B4: Given Bruny demographics seems unrealistic.
Online is always an option – physically attending TAFE or Uni is a problem from Bruny.
The Primary School on Bruny is wonderful and a great success in achieving goals.
There should be flexible High School/College system, where Bruny kids could attend some days of the week or some learning blocks off Island and spend the remainder of time with distance learning or supervised self-education on island.
I hope no-one believes children should be educated to Year 12 on the island. How do you expect a child to experience life is they are only knowing Bruny island? Online TAFE and Uni courses are available now but very stressful for a student who can't interact on an adult campus. [Deleted identified individual]
It is important for a healthy, expanding community to be able to attract families with a good, strong school community. The parents are often the active backbone of employees available for work on Bruny Island, but also owning businesses.
A thriving community that is diverse in ages is important for local business and social normality.

The past 6 months have been beneficial to me and a few others around me as far as the local economy goes. The current local economy on Bruny has allowed for my Husband to gain more casual work (his hours have more than doubled on a consistent basis). The strength of this current economy has also given me the opportunity to gain full time paid employment, along with at least 3 more residents that I am aware of.
To encourage young families there needs to be more employment opportunities, so more growth is needed. Otherwise it's going to end up being a retirement village. For self-employed, we need better access to the world. I work internationally via computer and the NBN, satellite connections though better than what was previously available is still frustratingly slow.
Employment in the main industries - tourism, aquaculture is increasing but vulnerable to economic downturn. Tourism especially. Seems to be a cartel of local operators who feed into each other's businesses. [Deleted identifies individual]. A bit of a closed shop. The timber industry has potential but faces resistance from the grizzlers. Fish farms should be kept north of Adventure Bay.
It would be great to encourage businesses that will employ people – keep the 'middle' age group here with children.
I support local business opportunities undertaken by community supportive individuals. We should encourage small business. Living costs appropriate to Island living – marginally higher.
With the increase in tourist ventures to the island, Bruny needs to get their fair share of revenue as they are using all our services!
We run a small business on Bruny whereby most work is on a computer. Fares on the ferry and petrol to get to Hobart are balanced out by lower rates (no water or garbage collection). Groceries much higher, unless a weekly 'run' is factored in with other reasons to go to Hobart. Our reason for being on Bruny is essentially lifestyle. It would not be so attractive if it became an economic hub.
Only really appears that tourism businesses and businesses directly servicing the local community can succeed.
Employers providing accommodation for long-term staff would be a great asset to the working community who don't own property.
Always impressed with the people skills of all people we come across.
Suggest a bonus system or other form of reward for employers of local residents.
As a small business owner, attracting capable staff from Bruny is difficult. Generally resort to off island staff.
Any town has a mix of those that want it to stay as is, progress in a measured way and change exponentially. Reality is that, unconstrained, resources will flow to their highest value uses and at the moment that will be to service the visitor economy - which may be a sustained trend or fleeting. I err on the side of taking the opportunities that exist and allowing development to follow. In short Bruny should be a microcosm of the economy at large. That is not to say the island should be raped and pillaged but development should occur so that the numbers flooding to the island can experience its beauty in a high quality built environment that is sensitive to its surrounds.
Although there are a lot more tourists visiting Bruny I am not convinced that there is a great increase in full time work opportunities. I suspect most employment is hospitality and casual.
C2) [deleted identifies individuals] only employ casual, not full time. There is not holiday or sick pay, however they provide work for a lot of locals which is much appreciated. Most employment is based on the busy seasons and then very quiet.
Employment is obviously limited. If you want to run a small tourism business then there is growth. If you want to work in hospitality then there are also opportunities. I guess it will attract and suit a

certain demographic. I hope that Bruny business will diversify though. There are many skilled people on the island who take a very flexible attitude to work.....they end up cleaning accomodation or taking more menial work just to be working.....they make it work for them. It gets them out of the house.

People traveling to work on Bruny Island should be eligible for concessional fare . And parking considered for those that park and walk over to Bruny

Very seasonal

It isn't possible to provide the full spectrum of employment opportunities on Bruny. Hobart is not that far away for those who choose to seek different kinds of jobs.

a small hardware shop could be beneficial

Seasonal tourist influx detracts from the seclusion of the island. Ferry queues are another issue...

Business investment depends on the type of business and who owns the business.

The high level of part time or casual employment offered and preferred by tourism operators severely impacts employees in terms of security and borrowing ability.

Again - a bigger question of what is the future for the island? Boutique tourism with manageable residential growth levels (both require significant infrastructure planning and investment). Is it going to actively target high-end or medium-range investment opportunities? I feel sorry for the powers that be as you will get push back from people who don't want any further development or "strangers"

If Bruny Island were to have the employment opportunities & economic activities of the 'mainland' it would be the same as the place people seem to want to get away from. There is a real risk that Bruny will be 'improved 'till it's no good at all'.

I really congratulate the Cheese Company, Get Shucked and Rob Pennicott for developing businesses that reflect the character of the island. However, I am worried by the numbers of Chinese visitors who seem to want a Chinese version of tourism to be available to them. This is not racism - purely that when there is an imbalance in visitor profile, it can actually (at best) detract from other visitors' enjoyment and (at worst) destroy the very essence of what everybody has come to see. I was recently at the Wineglass Bay lookout; the noise level was dreadful as 46 (I counted) Chinese people were there all talking very loudly at once. For other visitors, it ruined the whole ambience of what should have been a peaceful view over beautiful scenery. The Neck is in danger of going the same way. I would also be totally against a Chinese-based luxury resort there, of which I have heard rumours. I know people need employment on the island - but money is not everything.

[The strength of the Bruny economy is negative for me] due to increased traffic.

Tourism provides some employment options but creates pressure on infrastructure and crowding on roads and the ferry. A tourist levy would help fund infrastructure maintenance and upgrades and environmental preservation such a weed control.

Groceries and fuel too expensive. Must fuel up full groceries on otherside

Excellent internet connection would open up opportunities for self employed people. That is still a problem.

As the economy change, it is important that the local who live full time on Bruny win the benefit of it.

Very geared towards tourism, not so much to the locals.

There is a Bruny way of life that is very important to so many Bruny people. To put economy ahead of that way of life is to change everything that so many of us value as so precious about Bruny. If Bruny became an economic powerhouse with resorts, fish processing plants, and so on, would it still have the same value to many who presently live here? There is something very precious about the Bruny life that is presently under great threat from a handful of businesses that destroy so much that we

want and value.
The ferry situation needs urgent attention
The island is now generating its own diverse economy it is biased towards tourism which has negative impacts on local lifestyle. Tourism jobs tend to be lower paid and have a degree of transientness KC rules are getting out of hand and they don't respect that local on ground experience has grounded common sense environmentally sound approaches as they govern from google earth and layers in the planning scheme
Only certain small/medium tourist or agricultural based businesses would survive. It is not an ideal place for just any small business.
I find it easy enough to get to Hobart for work to be quite honest, if you can't find work on Bruny. It is a shame that there are only tow handfuls of businesses who reap the fruit of the tourism boom. Everyone else is mainly impacted negatively by increase in traffic, ferry queues, littering...
Investment needs to be balanced against conservation. Successful small businesses would need to cater to the tourist industry Currently businesses that cater to the tourist industry are overly expensive for residents It would be interesting to see how much of the profit from tourism is re-invested in the island economy
As every islander will say, the local economy may be booming because of all the tourists, but the local quality of life is somewhat diminished because of all the tourists.
As I earn my income elsewhere the success of businesses on Bruny only impacts me negatively by increasing tourism and hence congestion, increasing pollution (fish farms), land clearing (forestry and farming) makes my Ferry congested when I want to visit..... However I recognise 'no man is an island' and indeed these also encourage services and shops etc which makes Bruny a viable place to live and therefore not a Strahan-like tourist ghost town but a place of vibrancy. Balance is key.
I have never had any problem getting work on the island from casual, part time or full time in my life on Bruny .
I am confident that you can access work on the island, however the cost of living is increasing and with Bruny becoming a "hot"spot, land values have risen so land tax will rise, rates have increased, however all the services are for tourists- why cant they pay more and why do I have to pay more as I am not seeing the benefit.
Again there is no nuance in the questions, I would be very confident that most people could get work on Bruny, but as with the broader community, particularly in tourism and hospitality more and more work is part-time and casual. Many people work multiple jobs. A "full-time" job is the exception, rather than the rule. There is more work available on Bruny now than at any time in the last thirty five years. The strength of the Bruny economy can have a positive and negative affect simultaneously. It is an easy environment to make money, expand businesses and generate work etc, but personally I would prefer less work, and less activity, tourists, people, cars etc, and less money.
As visitors to the Island and as land owners with plans and permits to build an initial residence, we have had a lot of involvement with business people and trades people on the Island. We have seen some small businesses that employ locals and some that hire casuals/backpackers. Whilst we understand that as a small business owner there are a variety of options as an employer, we believe that locals looking after locals, in the majority, is a better option for a small community. The economy on Bruny, in the main, appears to be reliant on the tourist dollar, which is plentiful, however we have seen that South Bruny seems to be the life force of the economy on the Island as it offers the most services and attractions for local businesses and tourism.
Normal cost as we walk on/walk off the ferry service and given our location and connection to

Woodbridge we mostly rely on communities off the island. However, we support local trades and businesses where possible and value highly that the Southern Bruny community very much depends on a viable and thriving network of local business's and services. For us, this community in the South feels very far away.
I am of the opinion, if you seek work, work is there to be gainfully employed, but I feel that sometimes people can be a little choosy to what they wish to do. I see it as money, is money, if it is accommodation cleaning or otherwise, if you need to support yourself, the end result is you will do what is available.
Career opportunities for young people are extremely limited as most jobs involve unskilled work such as cleaning rental/Airbnb accommodation and hospitality work. These jobs are all seasonal, casual jobs, not full time permanent employment that most lending institutions require of applicants wanting to borrow money to build/buy a home. There is also a lack of rental accommodation on the island to attract working people to the island to take up a seasonal job.
Business investment should be required to meet environmental sustainability requirements
For someone to have full time employment, they may need more than one job.
Living on the island is expensive. Tourism is a large employer
As a resident I'm attracted to the unpopulated and unspoilt landscapes, however I rely on a medium sized business for employment. Development must consider impact on infrastructure, especially roads.
State and local government should give priority to BI residents in local job availability.
It is difficult to assess availability of employment and success of businesses as these change so much over time. Currently a diverse range of opportunities
Bruny has to be so careful that the thing which attracts people to the island is not destroyed. Bruny is reaching the point where people are living in an "economy" not a "society"
I think there are a lot of people who would like to live on bruny if they could find work. Decentralised local or state government would help.
I have always had well paid employment opportunities possibly as I am professionally trained. Generally however work opportunities are presently very limited and training opportunities non-existent--
The economy of Bruny has improved with the increases of tourists but the infrastructure for much of it has not improved
It strong positive and negative impacts. I'm
Question C2 not clear. Is this asking full time paid work, or full time OR paid work?
Running holiday self-contained accommodation, difficulty in getting and retaining regular cleaning employees/contractors
No more business investment until the infrastructure is adequate
Travel to and from the mainland does affect cost of living
Too many holiday rentals, not enough cleaners
Larger operators on Bruny should offer traineeships to youth on Bruny
The current strength of the Bruny economy has both negative and positive effects on my life.
Tourism is wrecking Bruny Island.
Employing local people ensures our school has children and people can live and enjoy living on island. Without local business this does not happen.
Lots of part-time work in tourism related industries which is great for young people e.g. Pennicotts tourism ventures.



I believe tourism has helped support Islanders in gaining regular employment, creating business opportunities and supporting current businesses.
There is a lack of accommodation either rental or provided by employer
Employment strategy needed - if 1600 of the 2000 or so people who live on Bruny are in the employment ages of 18 to 64 it warrants a strategy
Bruny Island has potential to be a very self reliant Island with tourism being a huge opportunity for growth. Sad fact is [deleted identifies individual] are contributing absolutely nothing to the economy or the community other than a few employees and some of them are on working visa's so not even locals. They are bused over by him, do his tour, fed and drinks at his restaurant and then quickly bused off the Island. I have a very unique spot and had dreams of having more accommodation and even a cafe but my first interaction with the council and it was knocked straight on the head. Locals oppose growth and I feel the potential is there but the aging population and council red tape will be too hard a barrier for anyone wanting to have a go. So young people will move on.
Bruny Island is a unique place, however tourism and property investment appear to be the major businesses thus far. This detracts from those seeking a quiet retirement
Question C1 was skipped because it was not clear to me what size business is being discussed. Small enterprises I would rate as very important. I think if Bruny is attractive for large mega-businesses - this will bring risks to the island and I don't want my answer used to support inappropriate business development models that are not sensitive to the local communities.
Besides a few major businesses the opportunities are limited. Tourist business is becoming more significant but at a cost to locals the -ferry, terrible inconsiderate drivers, overcrowding litter dust and noise.
Lets get real, most business is driven by tourism and that is subject to summer and winter conditions. It can't be a level playing field throughout the year, Bruny needs to adapt to that fact.
I actually don't want the wrong type of investment on Bruny. It's a double-edged sword type of situation. While I don't mind tourists, I'm worried about getting supplies onto the ferry for a house I wish to build and freight costs. I worry about Bruny being loved to death. I prefer Bruny to feel relaxed. Bruny would have a high cost of living due to transport and freight. I want people to have meaningful employment on the island as the benefits of employment are many (people need reliable incomes and enjoyment from work). In some ways, it would be good if Rob Pennicott could ferry people from Brooke St, Hobart, to Bruny and then mini-buses pick them up on Bruny.
For tourism accommodation businesses its almost impossible to find a cleaner.
[importance of business investment] depends entirely on the business - jet ski operator NO, NO, NO. but another innovative food/health bus - YES.
Depends on the business. Some are seasonal and are not viable in winter. others in tourism do very well.
Obviously as a business operator I have a vested interest in the success of that business but not at the expense of the quality of life for [deleted identifies individual]. I think it is really important that there is a maximum number of visitors per day allowed to come to Bruny. This should be managed at a sustainable level with regards to road safety, emergency response, available public amenities and water usage, garbage disposal etc.
As a business person, it is difficult to attract employees on the island. Locals are mostly unavailable (or limited) as the bulk of businesses (and therefore employees) are in the South. We have a commitment to employ local where-ever possible. There is a major difference in this regards between the North and South of the Island. As a business we are very mindful to keep this amenity open to all

but not at the expense of numbers likely to negatively impact the environment.
Access to the sea reduces my cost of living.
If you need to work on Bruny you need rural skills. Don't come here to be a 9-5 worker.
Ferry and fuel costs add to the cost of living. Tourism causes the ferry service to be overwhelmed.
Now that BHP Bruny rolling mill has been cancelled can't expect much more.
Local business should be encouraged to employ Bruny Island locals to support employment in the community.
There are businesses that Bruny needs, like an auto repair garage, but it's obviously not profitable here because the last two have gone out of business. Businesses linked to tourism seem to do very well, but businesses supporting the resident population have a much harder time, Witness the closure of the Lunawanna shop/cafe/bakery. Even the pharmacy is struggling to keep going.
There is plenty of cleaning work
We don't buy our groceries or petrol on Bruny Island because of the higher price. it just means more travelling to Kingston for those items.
Extra costs involved - ferry, wait itme, delivery of stock etc
I'm starting a small art business and many people help me.
Getting better - not just seasonal any more. Rob's boats, winery, hotel, cafes etc provide heaps.
I support small or medium businesses. Large operators negatively impact Bruny. There is a large sweep in and out daily. Impacts the ferry and infrastructure. I like the variety character and personality imparted by a large varriety of different personalities.
Zero employment for older residents unable to physically cope with or compete for hospitality and tourism jobs.
No rental properties for workers so this is an issue.
We appreciate hugely the ferry discount from being pensioner residents - would be hardship otherwise. Also groups such as food co-op allow bartering/trading/gifting of foodstuffs from local gardens as well as the co=op products. We have a house for rental accommodation so as numbers of tourists discover Bruny Island and decide they need more than 1 day visit to enjoy it, the more people stay over and really sample BI rather than just hitting oysters, cheese, yellow boats (and I don't begrudge their success in the least - just that there's more to BI - the walks, beaches, history, water activities etc).
I am fortunate to be able to appreciate Bruny for its low population density and natural attractions
I don't think the Island needs 'growth' and growth and development do not always equal improvement.
Access to ferry needs priority for residents. Lack of doctors (consistency) necessitates going off island - petrol costs etc. Inability to visit many places due to increased visitation - good for business not for residents . Lack of working age people affects many businesses e.g. cleaners for caravan park, accommodation providers.
Access to ferry and cost of petrol etc. Would depend on the 'small business'
Working age people can find work, but not a career. Local shop has monopoly on food and fuel leading to high prices. I shop and refuel off-island.
Only small communities are available for employment on Bruny. Shopping for groceries is convenient but expensive.
Small pool of younger people to do casual/seasonal work
Future improvements should be committed with eco-friendly needs and requirements.
It is a little difficult to answer these questions, because there are so many variables. What sort of

work, what sort of costs, what sort of effects? There are both good and bad factors relating to all these areas. Tourism is a case in point, there have been positive and negative impacts as a result of increased tourism.
As long as it is eco-friendly business. I know young people find it VERY HARD to find rental accommodation on Bruny because of AirBNB.
Employment lays mostly in the tourism and agricultural industry. These are both seasonal. Considering the low population of Bruny, this is to be expected.
Many residents are opposed to anybody trying anything new It would be too difficult to start a business due to resistance
Cost of living factors such as the cost of construction and such is high and access to some trades limited.
Employment other than tourism would be good.
work is highly seasonal and usually casual which is the norm in a tourism strong economy. if working off island is required the cost of living escalates enormously because of ferry transport costs. It is extremely hard to find full time non casual employment on island.
Re C3, and generally speaking, it would only be a good place to run a niche business, which takes advantage of the location and/or its special features, or which provides high quality specialist services to residents and others living on Bruny. Such businesses will generally be small, and incapable of providing full-time employment to others. Hence my answer to C2.
Bruny Island is a rural environment and the majority of jobs are based on this sector. In my view drastically increasing the tourism sector will have a negative impact on the Bruny Island lifestyle. Consider also that the majority of people who live on Bruny Island are of middle to late age. Too many positions will only add to the stress of limited spots on the ferry as main-land persons will need to commute to fill the positions.
Any employment must not be at the cost of the environment or Bruny lifestyle
Employment is seasonal and strong reliance on transient workers. Cost of living is low only if you own your home. Rental properties mostly short-stay and high cost for workers wanting to move to Bruny for long term employment.
As there is not full employment in most rural areas in Tasmania it could not be expected here either.
Commodities cost more. Leisure pursuits cost less, than in town.
A delicate balance required with business development and the natural environment.
everything that relies on tourism is seasonal, so farming/fishing still the only ongoing stable existence
Changing fast.
Work on the island is seasonal.
My husband and I tried to live on Bruny full time. Work dried up after summer. Limited job opportunities - you have to be happy doing any work you can get.
I am VERY confident that people can find work on bruny if they want it but most work is casual, part-time or seasonal, no shortage of cleaning and hospitality work. [Bruny as a place to run a business?] - depends on the type of small-medium business
We have short term holiday let in Alonnah - we become strong in bookings I can support other businesses
I would prefer that Bruny has little or no further development. I like it how it is. I moved here because I liked what it is, not what it would become.
It is important that our children and grandchildren have jobs on the island. Some employers only use

seasonal staff and don't employ locals. There is a monopoly on the island with people grabbing all businesses and it's distressing to us to see. Will he own the whole island?
At present there is not a great variety of employment here, except in providing accommodation, food or a related business. We used to have a PO up north and fuel available.
With poor internet access any small business would likely be tourist oriented and therefore adversely affect other aspects of Bruny life. Increase in visitor numbers has impacted on ferry wait times.
[The cost of living] depends on your circumstances - financially for myself it is very low.
Farming and tourism are generally seasonal, however local shops (and similar suppliers) need support all year round in order to compensate for winter months when visitation levels drop.
We are close enough to mainland Tasmania to commute.
Ferry access, fuel etc adds to cost. If there is to be continued employment on Bruny - businesses must be allowed to expand.
With increasing tourism there are probably more opportunities for part-time than full-time work
Infrastructure (roads, ferrys etc) needs improving to support any increases in visitor numbers required to support any small or medium businesses to survive
Important for young people to have the opportunity to work. When we first got here, no island employment and now restaurants/oysters/accomm etc there are opportunities. Best businesses - tourism, hospitality, food. Our circumstances mean very cost to low cost to live on island.
Sharing employment and work around the community is important. Creating and enabling new employment options e.g. cannabis farming and value adding
Depends on the business. Full time work might involve several part-time positions. Hooray for Rob Pennicotts - full time jobs, respectful employer, ecological and real Islander - takes care of locals. Excellent model!
Investments need to stay within the state. Incentives for small businesses, start ups etc. As a tourist based island cost for day to day items not realistic, making it expensive place to live.
Work is available on Bruny if people WANT to work.
I am not in the need for employment. I believe it may be quite difficult for those in need of full time employment and could put strain on their families.
Employment is relative to the local economy
People charge a lot to come to the island to 'fix' things. Need more locals who are adept at things - they either don't exist or are too busy and not needing the job
I'm hopeful that people will develop intelligent, sustainable businesses on Bruny that add to all our lives. Would not want to lose our natural values and community to overly commercial development however.
There are both positives and negatives. Great that there are jobs and viable businesses. Negative that volume of visitors has impacted on the physical and cultural life of the island. Many residents feel that their island has been overrun and no longer geared towards them and their ability to have the quiet enjoyment and lifestyle they have always had.
The improved ferry service and more importantly the improved internet access (now NBN) and phone (4G) means it is now possible to run my business from Bruny Island, which it was not 5 years ago. Improving digital services will allow more people from diverse, educated backgrounds to work from home on Bruny Island. A co-working space on Bruny Island would be an interesting idea to support individual workers. Also a centre that promotes and sells local food and design products would be worth considering to support individual makers. Greater access to childcare would also be an advantage.

Price of essential items on island expensive due to being an isolated island
Not many full time jobs on the island. The price of essential items on the island expensive
We need businesses to invest on Bruny to keep a healthy community i.e. schools, health facilities, diversity of opinion
Full time work is very seasonal so difficult for people to be employed all year
With the development of tourism on the island as well as increased coverage on the media I can see great benefits for future growth of employment and the local economy.
There are long waits for tradespeople and the ferry fare greatly adds to the cost of off-island tradespeople. The north of Bruny is very badly off in terms of employment opportunities. The 'economy' is focused on South Bruny. North Bruny is missing out big time apart from the AirBnB.
Preference for local owner development, not offshore.
Bruny is a place to enjoy a sense of isolation. I am not sure that in the circle of people that I am in contact that we want 'development' etc
Big success needs to be shared more across the community as in part they are responsible for the business opportunity.
One must be cautious about attracting business interest/investment – what sort of business would benefit us? What could we entice business 'with'? We have as assets, a certain 'isolation', a fascinating history, a countryside as yet 'unspoiled', good people and (as yet) not too many of them! A situation near a major city yet on the edge of one of the last wildernesses – our situation suggests that the business of 'tourism' is the only option, but beware of laying out the red carpet for visitors, we may well lay the carpet on top of our own flower garden. Not so important that you ruin or risk ruining the status quo by tempting business interest devoid of philanthropy.
We have been told that some businesses find it hard to employ staff for prolonged periods.
Positives of local economy include: employment, quality foods, boat trip for visitors, vibrant art scene. Negatives: increased road noise and risks; ferry queues; pollution (lack of toilets); expensive local foods and rinks; eyesores: new caravan park at Great Bay.
Employment is essential to keep young families here and allow children to benefit from the environment and small local school. Young families are essential to keep community vibrant and viable in the longer term.
I have never had trouble finding employment on the Island, I believe if you want to work there is plenty around. In saying this, I've always been happy with casual, seasonal positions. Perhaps if I was less financially secure I would find this type of employment on island unsatisfactory.
Tourism is important for local businesses and for local employment. But there needs to be a balance so as to preserve the natural beauty of the island and the current way of life for the residents.
It is the tourism on Bruny that is positively affecting many Bruny Islanders economically.
Too much traffic
There is not much scope for full-time employment as there is limited work available. Food industry is where most action is. Bruny is mostly a destination for retirees.
People cannot expect to move to Bruny Island and find employment or establish a viable business. You move here because you love this place, not to turn it into a commercial centre.
Business investment is important in terms of what business is and is it complementary to the lifestyle on Bruny and does it employ local people.
Successful businesses may all suffer over the low season (winter). Actual cost of living is not too high...if you don't go out or purchase anything from the local supermarket. Prices are too high for most items.

Small niche businesses are critical to enable employment. Again the issue is to balance. Small, niche businesses are appropriate to the 'look and feel' of Bruny. Low footprint and high-end target market only.
It think it's important that local business employ local tradespeople and others to help grow the economy of the community and give opportunities for the next generation who wish to live on the Island.
It is important than when a business opportunity arises on Bruny that said business is given every help by way of absolutely minimal fees and regulation other than making sure that it is safe. Population levels will always prevent most business types from functioning. The costs of goods transport and the isolation make it necessary for most residents to do their shopping and get their own goods in Hobart. To costly to get it all via Bruny operators.
While there are many jobs created on Bruny the majority of available housing is for tourist accommodation.
If the tourism on the island had more of an 'adventure/outdoor' culture there be window for alternate/additional employment that was not in hospitality.
There is work here for people who wish to work. As employers we know this.
While tourism brings employment, I moved to Bruny knowing (and happy) that I wouldn't be able to work. There is lots of work on Bruny for people who want seasonal/casual/tourism-type work, but not other types of jobs. A community house could create more 'non-tourism' jobs.
The strong economy on Bruny at the moment has delivered more professional services, dining options and improved infrastructure. Local businesses are booming, offering greater range of employment options and increasing their ability to support the community through donations and events. I believe these things encourage a more diverse population on the Island.
As tourism on the island is seasonal it is hard to keep people in full-time work all year. If the permanent population increased then services would increase and this where the full-time work would come from. As aces to shops/businesses in Kingston and Hobart is relatively easy the cost of living is about the same but if you run out of anything the higher cost of the island is outweighed by the convenience.
Bruny Island was/is foremost a residential and holiday place. Is there any business (apart from the pub) that does not rely on tourists on the island?
Business support should not be at the expense of the environment. Conservation and environmental respect should be a stronger part of business legislation.
The key issue is that economic activity on the island must be ecologically sustainable. The natural values, biodiversity and diversity of environment on Bruny are rare and must be taken care of. These are the qualities that attract visitors and can attract the right investment – which values the natural environment and seeks to maintain its quality. We must not kill the (native) goose that lays the golden egg just because there is a short-term dollar to be made.
You can't always afford to live beyond your means. Island life is always going to be more costly and mostly you have no alternatives out of normal nine to five working hours.
Things seem to be working well for myself at the moment. Come winter, I have to diversify my skill set.
Progress without planning destroys culture.
The Bruny we moved to have gone. We bought our property here in 1994 precisely because it was remote wild and still in its natural state. So we watch with sadness as each little bit disappears but fully accept that everyone wants to share in its beauty and that mean creating businesses and employment on the island. While its done on the micro business scale it is manageable but the next



step will be large corporations coming in which will threaten the local natural environment on a larger scale. So, I would like to see business development kept at a micro business level.
High cost due to – cost of food locally, need to travel for food and other services. However this is a price I am willing to pay! Don't want Coles!
There is room for more business opportunity on Bruny and the result would allow for more local employment.
Employment/businesses necessarily have the difficulty of irregular demands on them dictated by weather and holiday periods.
Mass market tourism is overwhelming. Jobs are short-term and insecure. Profits remain in the hands of a few. Health and aged care and community services offer training and ongoing employment opportunities in the future if the community's needs are to be respected and addressed by government in partnership with health care service providers. Care for the environment and wildlife also offer opportunities if the concept of a Bruny Bioregion and its high value attractions are protected and conserved. Fin fish farming is increasingly offshore and automated and will not be a long term reliable employer.
Staff are just a commodity on this Island with the tourism operators. Very seasonal. The best employer is the best local shop at Adventure Bay. The future growth in jobs is in aged care. The impact of the agecare and the demands of in house care will be an issue of conversation that has been identified but not acted upon.
Business is booming – tourism is ridiculous. Bruny is a small island which barely coping as far as roads, services and preserving its natural beauty goes. How much more of Bruny will the Chinese buy?
Limited locally based employment opportunity. Unlikely to change. Demographics agree – traditional small youth population and ageing society.
Employment is an issue, unless people young and old stay on the farm, work in hospitality or tourism. They must look to a long-term future in employment. We are not unique and residents including including myself, worked in Hobart and commuted daily. Many major cities have workers travel up to 6 hours daily to and from work. Business need to have a tourist focus or are providing essential services to ensure stable employment. People need to do their homework before moving here expecting a job.
Lower living costs (i.e. rent) are generally balanced out by increased travel or delivery costs. It is difficult to find employees due to lack of long-term accommodation. There are fewer skilled tradespeople on Bruny which makes it more costly and difficult to run a business. It is difficult for new people to move to Bruny due to lack of housing leading to a reduced workforce leading to less investment/interest. Only tourism can thrive with a transient population.
The transport limitations help make BI unique but as tourist numbers swell and it takes hours to get on and off the island I think it makes getting maintenance workers from off the island very difficult. They don't want to come. Time spent waiting an economic loss for everyone and probably distressing for the very young and elderly, especially on hot days.
The economy is changing. Tourism is creating opportunities. This used to be seasonal but seems to be evening out somewhat in addition to peak times.
The cost of the ferry for residents has high impact on those needing to work off the island. I hope that the new ferry contract does not lead to increase in ferry fees for residents.
Much higher costs of running a small business on Bruny. Higher internet etc and low quality phone, internet and communications service.
More housing is needed as people have not enough places to live as most is all AirBnB.



Bruny Island offers a level of natural beauty that is unique. We would love to see the natural environment protected and not over "traveled". We have seen the demise of similar environments in Victoria. The over population of Phillip Island has seen it change from a place of diversity, nature and farming in good harmony become another "suburb" of Melbourne over the last 20 years. Since we first discovered Bruny Island we have spoken to people from all walks of life and from all over the world that hold Bruny Island as a special place, they remember every minute of their time there; a truly unique and spiritual place to visit. There are not many places left like Bruny, rugged, serene, peaceful, exciting, pristine and pure. It should be protected.
We need integrated management of land and marine impacts and a clearer set of future goals and transparent data around current impacts.
I guess the growth of tourism might keep the log trucks at bay. I admire the strength and grit of the bird group that work to maintain the habitat and populations of birds at risk. I hope that Kingborough Council will continue their support of the Feral Cat eradication problem. I have watched with great concern the spread of Spanish Heath on Southern Bruny. It is prolific on roadsides and private land.
Make Bruny plastic free with no plastic bags. Encourage recycling by providing more bins. Continue the moratorium on logging. Sustainable fish farming to protect the environment. Recognise the unique natural values of Bruny.
There is a tension between development (aquaculture, tourism and hospitality etc) and the aesthetics of islander lifestyle. A reduction in visual amenity is not a basis for public policy by and of itself. An environmentally sound transfer of aquaculture to deeper waters is a public good but is opposed by some because it will spoil views. Thus old practices of estuarine aquaculture which are damaging should continue? Mmm.
Needs to be people on the island making people accountable for their actions eg Police and Parks and Wildlife. I was on Cloudy Bay beach the other day and there were more cars going up and down than on Macquarie Street. My children could not safely just stroll along the beach or sit on the beach and enjoy the sand and the water and swimming like you do at the beach. As this is only local beach we should be able to without fear of getting run over. At one stage I counted 25 cars on the length of the beach none of which were doing a cautious speed. I also note 5 of these cars drove along the beach set themselves up on the beach and had dogs in their cars. Someone needs to be onto these people so everyone can enjoy the beach. I also note while all these cars were on the beach there were only 3 cars in the carpark!!
I have listed 'moderate impact' for [peace and quiet]. The increase in visitors has been positive for me in a moderate way.
Strongly feel greater care of the natural environment is necessary: both for itself, but also because it is an important aspect of tourism to the Island. Much more could be made of the natural resources, in terms of education, guided walks etc. However, much greater care needs to be taken to lessen the on-the-ground impact of increased tourism, including litter management. Further, as infrastructure is built to enable human access to places like the penguin rookery, responsibility also had to be taken for caring for the animals exposed to increased human actions (including, unfortunately, damage to animals).
Bruny is a piece of paradise and has an amazing environment to visit and explore. I believe that people living on the main roads are more impacted by the tourism sectors than others. My property is not on the main road and we only encounter tourist activity if we choose to explore the popular tourist spots.
The finfish farming affects Bruny Island's character in a generally negative way. I understand that it's

difficult to measure this effect economically, but there's a clear sense that the presence and growth of the finfish farming industry shouldn't be ignored. Bruny's greatest economic potential is with eco-tourism, with scenic tourism generally and with clean food production. I see a straightforward conflict here that could be addressed with sensitivity and surehandedness.
Our natural environment is our most precious resource. People come here from all over the world to see it, experience it.
Limit salmon farm extension. Both Channel and East Coast. No further logging of native forests.
Unfortunately, 'the environment' is used disingenuously for political purposes. The timber industry has been sacrificed for the Swift Parrot, when there is little evidence that logging has caused the Parrot's demise.
It is absolutely crucial that all projects on Bruny are to the highest standard and take into consideration all environmental impacts. Fish farming should never have happened and should not expand.
Fish farms are affecting our waters. Rubbish on the beaches (obviously debris from fish farms in most instances) - 'light pollution' from fish farms at night. Gunk on beaches which smells unlike anything in past years (Fish Farms?)
Intensive fish farming is damaging the D'Entrecasteaux
It's beautiful, we need to protect it. It's what attracts all the tourist business.
Environment needs to be protected from tourists who are uneducated. Need more information available.
I feel as an absolute minimum that we need to immediately provide more toilets, more garbage disposal facilities and more positive reinforcement and activities as a community to help ease the impact of tourism. I work in hospitality and we rely very heavily on tourism to grow our local business. The environmental impact that this has on Bruny is something we are very serious about managing. Working on as many environmentally friendly practices within our business is at the forefront of our efforts right now, and I believe it is ultra important as a community that we assist in this effort being pushed out into the Island as a whole.
There are a few things that have become a concern for my wife and myself in the past few years since tourism has increased. The alterations to the neck are somewhat extreme. There is also no way bruny island should have its coastlines opened up to fish farms, its been proven this fish farms have a negative environmental impact so why would we lets them be spread round our beautiful island? no to mention they are an eyesore. The ferry has also become a real issue, the residents that have children or are elderly shouldn't have to wait for hours in peak times. The surf has also become more crowded.
Need a long term plan/vision that is developed jointly with community and other stakeholders.
Beautiful and so diverse!
Give parks more clout to control bogans in 4 wheel drives
We have seen increased residential and commercial development close to the coast, which has had a detrimental effect on coastal habitat and water quality. Oyster farming has been conducted in Great Bay for approximately 40 years, during this time our intertidal areas have had 'fully approved' harvest status due to high quality water for culturing oysters. In the recent 2017 Triennial Review our intertidal area had its harvest status reduced to 'conditionally approved' due to increased incidences of faecal contamination in water samples.
Protect the things that are what people come to see. It's brilliant and goes without saying if we don't we don't have a place a majesty that is so loved. Allow development to occur in defined areas and

done well. But my own experience with KC was almost militant protectionism. It's gone far too far. Sure, protect natural values but if someone has bought a residential block where there was no discovery at sale of limitations then they shouldn't have to meet a higher bar than anywhere else. Bruny is special but no more special than anywhere else
Government and council are pushing to increase visitor numbers on Bruny yet are not prepared to invest any money into the island. I feel as if Bruny is being "used" for all its worth without any consideration to residents, shack owners or wildlife. I worry about the future for Bruny Island.
The current increase in tourist numbers must be matched with increased spending on infrastructure such as toilets, signage, rangers etc
D5) just as quiet at home apart from more aircraft and stress at the ferry in the busy times Salmon farms need to clean up their act. The sea floors beneath them are very obviously affected! I love salmon and I think if they weren't so greedy they focus more of making a unique Tasmanian made eco friendly business and lead the way for fish farming across the globe!
We are directly impacted by beach front erosion through storms coinciding with very high tides. We expect that this problem will increase in the future as sea level rises. In the past 3 years, approximately 500 cubic metres of sand dune has disappeared from our land frontage of approximately 40 metres. Currently we and our neighbours with land titles to the high water mark have constructed timber fences/ walls to attempt to protect the sand dunes behind Nebraska Beach. However eventually, a whole of beach solution using substantial construction with rock will probably be required.
Disappointed about the whole "Quoll" thing, that it hasn't been acknowledged that they were introduced to the Island and the damage they have done since their population boom. Previously discussed wallaby problem.
Fish farming around Bruny is a concern , it should be banned from the channel . Stricter fishing controls . On size and catch limits. For a sustainable fishery future .
We cannot allow increased tourism and industry to destroy this unique environment
more control needed on tourist camper-vans, size limits and nominated areas for parking. Asian tourist should be aware of other road users, Stopping middle of road for photos is not on. Vans should transport their own rubbish. Maybe a local tour company could show these people around the island.
Logging still a threat - fish farming in D'en channel is terrible: recent snorkelling shows so much sediment/"sawdust-like" stuff over EVERYTHING in the water - I appreciate that facilities and parking have to be improved to handle visitor numbers but maybe numbers should be restricted (eg lord Howe island style?) - what's happening with the cat ban/restrictions on Bruny? This should totally go ahead!
The elephant in the room is the state forests. If we are to continue a policy of not logging or burning on Bruny, and all the forestry roads are allowed to deteriorate, we are building a giant fire bomb. I think we should be actively encouraging intensive management of the forests, and creating an environment that supports and encourages sustainable logging. We are running an experiment thats never been tried in human(white and indigenous) history before, living next to a massive eucalypt forest without either logging or burning it on a regular basis.
Tourism : severe impact on natural values of the island due to unrestrained and unsupported growth in numbers of visitors. marked increase in littering, pollution of bushland due to increase in tourist numbers and lack of disposal facilities for general waste and black water waste from campers and caravans severe impact on natural values of national parks, especially marine, by uncontrolled numbers of visitors via an operator who appears to pay no fee for transporting several hundred

persons into a national park every day. The presence of Parks Tasmania on the island is token only and the budget allocated by Parks Tasmania for Bruny Island (to service a visitation of over 200000 per year) is miniscule and laughable when compared to that allocated in other Australian states. Fish farming around Bruny is contributing severely to coastal pollution and if not controlled and managed effectively has the potential to cause marine pollution and degradation of the coastal environment. Land based farming varies from moderate to good levels of management to very poor management especially with regard to invasive weed management which has already resulted in spread of invasive species into national parks. Climate change has the potential to cause severe impact on the economy and coastal geography of Bruny and needs to be actively addressed as a priority to allow the community to adapt to the inevitable changes that will occur.

I now it is all very well for part-timers to start calling the shots about how the island should be run. But it must surely make sense that the whole point of Bruny Island is that it is a naturally beautiful and unspoiled place. If it becomes polluted and over-commercialised, word will get around and then the existing businesses will lose visitors. Look at Bali and the Philippines who are this week shutting heavily-overused beaches to give them a chance to recover. I am concerned about the fish-farming in the Channel, less so about the offshore, deep-water sites. Huon Agriculture I believe are really blowing the whistle on their own industry before the greedier operators ruin Tasmania's pristine salmon image through over farming. With the speed of social media, bad press travels very fast... And yes, of course, Bruny Island Cheese is twice the price of cheese in Coles - but I believe people are happy to pay for something different, buying a glorious experience of seeing cheeses maturing, tasting and learning about cheese etc. Because in these days of mass production, artisan foods are special. So keep those sheep pottering about in Murrayfield's paddocks - much preferable to the horrendous, overfilled, bare, sun-blasted stockyards of bored cows awaiting a horrible death up the the NT. Let visitors see the oyster beds right opposite the oyster farm - how much fresher can food get?! Get those berries growing out on the side roads of Adventure Bay! Keep Bruny special!

Forestry needs to stop on the island. There are so many things wrong with it; log trucks should no be on the ferry, the roads are trashed by heavy log trucks and this is not 'clean and green' image that is so important to Tasmania.

we believe a high priority be given to protect and enhance Bruny's special environmental status. We strongly object to possibility of logging and would strongly urge the Bruny Life committee to oppose this logging. We would like to see a stated council and government policy to have a high level of protection and appreciation and enhancement of Bruny's special environmental.

More funds are required to address current weed problems particularly beach front reserves. Much hard work has been done in the past by volunteers. This is exploitation and needs to be properly funded.

Although I feel positive about the current state of the natural environment (after all, that's what appeals to me and my family and friends MOST about the island) I am extremely concerned about the impact of increased tourism and development directly on the environment (e.g. rubbish, damage to vegetation, threats to wildlife to name a few).

Unsure of what question D7 means but the impact on the natural environment of Bruny by massive increases of tourists is unsustainable

Threat to bird life with increased visitation of people at the neck and potential Jetski tourism in Simpson's Bay.

I would be very concerned about the effects of logging if it was ever resumed. Also, protection of the Marine environment seems to be a low priority for some.



Needs to be protected from over development.
The climate change affect all of the planet. A preserved environnement doesn't mean that is quiet. The tourism buisness like Inala or the cruises show how important it is to conserve that beauty. I have thousands of idea for the environment protection, but here is 5 exemples: - keep some Parcs close to the public. You need a sanctuary to conserve the heart of Bruny. The urbanism plan is your best friend if you want to protect it. - EDUCATION: from the school to Tourism. Put warning and information on site. Educate the future generation! - RUBISH: when I arrived on the island it was really hard to find rubbish bin. You can also organise event where people who care and school class clean (part of education goal) - INVISIVE SPECIES: you have the advantage that you can control what goes in an out of the island, don't forget that. And you can regroup this purpose with the education goal. Organise event to eradicate invisive plants, replant natives one, put some traps for invisive animals. ( you have talented people for that here) - APPRECIATE: don't take things for granted. You live in a paradise so when you are sad or angry about something, take a break, look by the window and..
It is a truly unique and beautiful environment which should be given high protection priority.
The amenity of Bruny is being destroyed on the one hand by the huge expansion of fish farming, coupled to the arrogance of the fish farm operators; and on the other by open slather tourism that's already seen the terrible vandalism of the Neck car park, the worst exampl, but by far the only one, of tourism killing the very thing it has come to see. Kingborough Council have been routinely appalling with their roadworks, such as the much derided and community opposed desecration of Rat Bay with large earthworks for a cutting that destroyed much of the scenic beauty and buried what has been described as one of the most significant Aboriginal contact sites in Tasmania.
There's no place for salmon farming around Bruny Island. It impacts on other established fisheries - notably abalone. Salmon farm pens and associated noise, light and waterborne traffic also have net negative effect on aesthetic values of the natural environment (Bruny's most universal attraction). This is experienced by sailors and other recreational boaters, walkers and even more sedentary visitors who make it to look-outs and other viewing points by motor vehicle. No benefit can offset the visual and material pollution of the salmon farms.
Awesome we just have to stop shitting on it literally I regularly pick up TP and bury poo on the road side the lighthouse toilets is a disgrace Cloudy Bay beach need traffic controls Channel water ways are under the pump from huon river effluent load from increasing population Ag run off and fish farming Tourism operators need tight regs on effluent control RV sites need attention National parks need more funding and staff A marine reserve or 2 would be good
It's hard. Progress is not helping my places. As I receive no proceeds from this tourism boom, I don't benefit, the land suffers, so from my perspective it does not help.
Concerned about the pressure being put on it from tourism and fish farming.
It's ok at the moment however if it goes much more it will tip over to being negative
we need to look after our environment on Bruny
Any new infrastructure needs to be completed in a sensitive and low impact manner, unlike the new carpark at the neck that spoils the view that people go up the neck for.
The fish farms and the death zones that they create are worrying.
The natural environment is what the tourists come to see. Building car parks for these tourists over the natural beauty is self defeating If tourists continue to come to the island, then facilities (toilets, shower blocks etc.)must be built to cater to them. The current state of Bruny's environment is beautiful - but we mustn't let it be destroyed by over-utilisation or incautious development. The effects of Climate change (especially water shortage) must be catered for Fish farming has NO

PLACE in the D'Entrecasteaux Channel, nor around the sea waters off Bruny Island
Referring to question D 7, yes, concerned about the impact of increased tourist numbers - both local and international on the natural environment on Bruny. There are not enough Wild Life rangers to be able to educate/control the huge numbers of visitors who have scant regard for the protection of the island, it has driven me to distraction to see visitors driving at high speed along Cloudy bay beach, to see international tourists digging up shell fish from protected areas and leaving litter including excrement on our beautiful beaches.
difficult to get any help or advice from Kingborough council re erosion on Nebraska Beach despite several attempts
Bruny Island is still beautiful, but that needs to be protected from the effects of too many visitors.
The loss of habitat on Bruny, pollution visually (fish farms and developments) is like the analogy of boiling a frog. A subdivision here a Mc Mansion there and pretty soon the place has lost its character, but nobody noticed until it was too late. Bruny Island is wonderful for its diversity from Chainsaw Wielding Rednecks to Reclusive Tree Hugging Artists and Families with Children, Old Timers and the Rich and Shameless. The problem with success to a place like Bruny is that it makes what Bruny has to offer for people who want to live there, disappear. This social anthropology aspect (people watching , gallery wandering, market browsing) enjoyed by tourists becomes a less authentic experience. Salamanca Market is a good example of that struggle where it tries to marry the values of an authentic market where locals go to buy their fruit on Saturday with the kitch of a bowl of huon pine fruit, which can only be directed at a passing tourist trade, and really serves the community in a small way).
I am sad that the neck has become sealed for tourists. I actually went to the neck to see the penguins only horrified with the amount of tourists shinning lights at the penguins and people not staying on the walkway. I am also horrified at finding tourists just wondering into peoples properties to take photos of wallabies etc. All of a sudden extra fences have gone up to stop tourists driving on the beach and also there is increased rubbish.
Given that visitation to Bruny has increased dramatically over the last few years, Parks is playing a game of catch up so lots more needs to be done to conserve/protect the natural environment (limited accessibility to key areas of significance, access to facilities that are sensitive to the environment). Caution also needs to be excercised in relation to how developed we allow Bruny to become. I have concerns over the density of fish farms in the D'entrecasteaux Channel and it's contribution to alfalfa blooms.
I am amazed at our wildlife, I can watch the water rats on the jetty of a night, I have many different species of birds in the garden, Green Rosellas continually de-nude my man ferns, I can hear the call of the Mopoke, and the Tasmanian Masked Owl at night as well, many Blue Tongue Lizards and varieties also in garden. The Beautiful Firetail pecks away at the grass seeds, wild life abounds.
Bruny's natural environment is its greatest asset and the reason for its current tourism boom, Effectively managing access for tourists is critical to protecting the environment and the ongoing success of tourism ventures.
Should be a bounty on feral cats and mandated cat containment and de-sexing laws. Dogs also need to be properly registered and prevented from roaming.
I am very unhappy when I regularly witness tourists approach wallabies and trap them against fences so the wallabies hurl themselves at the fences trying to escape and experience great distress. Because we live in Sawdust Road just above Adventure Bay Road between Bligh's Creek and the old jetty, over the years since 1997 I have watched the traffic increase from low levels of local traffic to

<p>unacceptable high levels of tourist traffic. Until a few years ago I used to regularly walk the dog from home to East Cove along the road where there is no footpath without any issues. I no longer walk along this section of road as the increase in traffic and the speeding I estimate to be between 60–80kph (I have been driving for 45 years so can easily estimate speed) in this 40kph area has made it too dangerous to do so. At my age I am unable to jump into a ditch drain with my dog to avoid being hit by a car speeding towards me and not moving to avoid me because another vehicle is coming towards them. This situation happened to a friend who is in his 70s, on Australia Day. He was not happy and I don't want to place myself in that unsafe situation, so I drive to East Cove with the dog and we do our walk early in the morning before the daily tourist invasion begins. I wrote to Council with my concerns about pedestrian safety on this section of road back in 2010 and on a few other occasions since then but my letters have fallen on deaf ears as there hasn't been a serious injury or death yet, that's the way things operate in Tasmania I've learned in my 36 years here. The other noticeable factor is the detrimental effect on my daily peace and quiet whether I am gardening or inside as there is the constant noise of traffic on Adventure Bay Road as all kinds of noisy vehicles drive to the end of the road and of course they have to return the same way, giving me a double dose of vehicle noise and road noise. I have also noticed an increase in noisy motorbikes that travel in packs since the Neck road was sealed. Also there is now annoying traffic noise at night when we never used to hear anything besides the waves and the wind. The increased road kill with the increased traffic and speeding is of concern. I am very unhappy about tourists who come here and think they can do as they please, such as erect their tents on beaches, hammocks between trees along Adventure Bay Road, park their campervans etc in beach and community hall carparks, leave their litter, faeces and toilet paper in public spaces. In the last few years as tourism has increased dramatically there has also been a massive increase in cigarette butts on beaches (imagine how many are in the sea endangering marine life), in carparks and on bush tracks. God forbid!</p>
Wallaby numbers are out of control on Bruny and are decimating the forest and are a traffic hazard
Need more public facilities e.g. toilet/showers/change rooms at beach areas like Adventure Bay, Quiet Corner - Need more baby friendly facilities.
Visitors, especially 'daytrippers' should pay a levy to contribute towards a fund which can be used for infrastructure on Bruny and maintenance.
It's getting trashed.
Rampant unchecked spanish heath, blackberries, pine trees. Quolls expanding unchecked due to road kill. Greater policing of National Parks fees collection, each day visitor should pay toll when they board the ferry for parks. Amateur fishing catch checks inadequate. Close Channel to all commercial fishers!
Lack of resources-need more National Parks field officers down there. Not enough support for somewhere like Bruny, with a lot of park and visitors. There seems to be rampant expansion of the fish farms with little consideration for any environmental impacts. I worry about the environment because of the massive increase in visitation and proposed/future developments that will ruin the island. I worry for the future impact on the natural environment.
The island is undergoing very rapid changes and there is no plan. With vision Bruny could be a prime example of a multi-use environmental management. I have no problem with working farms (on land and in the water) and profit based tourism but these industry must be balanced against the protection and respect for the natural environment.
Careful Management of tourism and fish farming are needed to ensure that natural heritage values are retained. Consider cultural values when looking at running events in national park areas too.

Fish farming is having a very detrimental effect on the channel environment. Cats are out of control. Roads are becoming congested. Recycling on Bruny seems nonexistent.
Need to stop fencing off areas and allow Bruny to remain as it is or reinstate it to what it was.
Rubbish collection is an issue of increased tourism. Fish farms are only frustrating in the exclusion zones in place around them
The large numbers of tourists is distressing. I fear for the future of the island. The tourist economy is important but not to the detriment of the environment and way of life. Small scale business, small developments that value add to the island are acceptable but large scale development which benefits individuals is concerning and the thought of overseas investment in developments is scary.
I live opposite the Beach and am very concerned re "dogs-not on leads" allowed to wander- Endangered bird species are at a considerable risk.
The biosphere on this planet is in a state of freefall collapse. This isn't a local issue. As long as the people of the developed world are selfishly preoccupied with dead things the extinction will continue. If visitors can feel a connection with nature and be inspired to take on board the above point and make changes to their lifestyles then all this tourism can have a positive outcome.
It is the natural environment which attracts visitors. DO NOT try to modernise it, but please remember the damage fish farming is doing to the surrounding waters
Fish farming having hugely detrimental effect on Bruny's waters. Example - recent crayfish covered in algae (plus reduced numbers)
Bruny's natural environment is second to none
Limit number of tourists at any given time (Lord Howe Island)
Keep it as it is.
No Winnebagos on Bruny!
Wallabies should be kept in check.
There is nowhere to go now to be by yourself - way too many groups of tourists. Not enough amenities to accommodate.
Too many dead animals on the road
No more logging.
The forests on Bruny are a renewable resource. They should never have been shut down.
Regulate fish farm marine movements - noisy boats operating 24 hours
Our environment can't cope with the influx of tourism
Bruny's natural environment is its greatest asset. Destroy that and you destroy both the island's economy and its future as a place to live.
Some wonderful voluntary groups on the island who have clean ups etc.
We have to be careful not to love it to death
Hard to comment as I'm mainly in one area. I have noticed that plans have finally been put in place to protect the foreshore of Adventure Bay and vegetation has began to grow. I have provided a walk way for my visitors that stay in my shack and have a statement on the fridge to keep to walking tracks, not to let dogs wander through vegetation and do not use the banks as a tip. My end of Adventure Bay has much more vegetation Quiet Corner end. Needed are more signs, more toilets and more rubbish bins, I asked the council at one stage could we have dog bins and bags along the beach but once again too much red tape and it was all too hard for me. I also cant leave my rubbish out the front during peak tourist season as people just stop in their cars and dump their rubbish there and I have to pay for it, there fore once again the community is missing out on money as I have to take my rubbish with me. Also I think the foreshore birds when nesting should be better protected by better fencing that will

keep children and dogs out as I have seen so many people just letting their dogs and children run a muck over the whole beach as they are on holiday and dont want to have to worry about anything especially the wild life
practical and socioeconomic land management strategies would be nice to see postulated
The environment is clearly at risk. The increase in tourists has reduced road safety.
Bruny is negatively affected by the huge number of tourists and the effects of fish farming on the marine life in the area.
Fish and oyster farming is ugly. The impact of fish farming on the environment is significant but as with tourism because it is about putting money first things will get worse.
Without knowing what future survey questions are going to be, how far do I comment?? I am concerned about the extent of tourism without any infrastructure being provided, sad facts about Asians and their use of existing toilet facilities let alone what might be required in the future. The use of undeveloped roads, the waiting time for residents for the ferry etc.
I'm concerned that overtime a longer period of time tourists will have a negative impact on the natural environment. The island isn't large enough to sustain the large number of tourists.
The attraction of Bruny Island is its natural beauty and environment. It is currently unable to cope with the number of tourists visiting the island which is having a negative impact on the environment. The infrastructure including ferry, roads, toilets and rubbish disposal is simply unable to cope. There has been a huge increase in litter on the roads in the time we have been coming to the island and unsightly and distressing road kill is left on the roads - should be removed.
I'm unsure if there is any environmental tourism management on Bruny. Tourists could do with more environmental education such as don't throw cigarette butts in bush at The Neck. Logging bothers me. Oyster farm in Great Bay is too big and went in without consultation. Climate change is a problem everywhere. I don't like the new carpark at The Neck. It looks ugly. Can penguins cross the road from the Channel side to Neck Beach.
Visited the steps in January and was disappointed in the new carpark has taken away the natural look which gave it uniqueness
It is being destroyed by the amount of tourists and also the clear felling of the forests and also the lack of infrastructure on the island. eg lack of rubbish bins and toilet facilities.
Visitors need education about protecting the environment and the marine environment. Overseas Asian tourists have depleted natural mussels and oysters from the rocks. They take every single one so nothing left to regenerate or to enjoy.
D3 & D4 I don't know enough to comment. Generally, it's important to recognise that a rapid increase in visitor numbers brings an environmental cost and this needs to be actively managed.
Still need more public toilets.
QD5 relates to increased visitors and 'peace and quiet' issues. The most marked effect of increased visitor numbers is on the ferry. I am fearing the withdrawal of the Bowen after Easter - I can see no way that the single ferry can cope with the year-round massive explosion in visitor numbers, and enforced long waits for the ferry will have a strong negative effect on my satisfaction with the Island.
Tourism has ruined Bruny Island. Kingborough Council changing the look of Adventure Bay. [Deleted identifies individual]. There would be less traffic on our roads, less accidents which require police etc., less demand on the ferries. Also I would like to question the licences of Asian drivers as I have had so many near misses, before someone is killed. I would also like to know why Kingborough Council is wanting to take over Crown land in Quiet Corner. This carpark in Quiet Corner should be put back to what it once was and moved to the area where the toilets used to be. We do not want toilets in

Quiet Corner. This carpark has people camping overnight. It is directly in front of a house whose occupants have to put up with people urinating ,changing into bathers etc. The old lady living there has even had an Asian woman wandering about inside her home. Leave this corner for the locals.
Firstly, speed signs relating to wildlife ESSENTIAL – people (locals) speed off ferry and overtake in too much hurry. Also there are wallaby hotspots. Amount of road kill diabolical.
We have pristine beaches at the north of the island but the huge expansion of fish farming will have a detrimental effect on them. Also locals have to clean up beaches when the animals foul the beach where we swim.
High impact [on peace and quiet] during holiday season which is becoming longer and running a cafe I need tourists but it is still very peaceful outside tourist season.
The influx of tourists in teh numbers currently arriving is alarming. There is no concern about the impact. The simple solution is pre-booking and limited numbers until such time as the infrastructure to manage the numbers is solved – at the very least.
Sea levels are rising causing coastal erosion and winter winds are now westerly rather than southerly.
\$500K to fix a few feral cats is a waste of money – cull the Bennetts Wallabies and brushtail possums – they are destroying the natural habitat.
Recreational fishing has had an adverse impact on coastal/marine ecology.
More rubbish.
The environment suffers from the over abundance of commercially driven people on the South Island.
Parks and Wildlife activity and work on island is useless and should be sacked.
More bins everywhere on the island.
National Parks should be free to enter by residents.
You could put more bins everywhere!
I don't mind fish farms if they are properly managed but they should be held accountable for impacts that they have e.g. plastic (ropes and other materials) in the channel and washing up on the beaches. Also, it would be good to know whether or not fish farms are contributing to the brown algae/sludge growth on sea life and rocks that appears to be spreading through the channel or is it the result of increased population and septic systems or something else? In terms of land based agriculture I am not familiar with the practices on Bruny but generally within Tasmania farm based activities need to be held accountable for impacts on watercourses in particular.
Keep watercourses unimpeded and clean – leave as natural as possible. Minimal logging – water harvesting plan sensible step.
Fish farms no longer in use should be removed from water way. More focus on weed removal – council working wth property owners to manage ragwort, gorse, spanish heath
I fear that the very thing that attracts visitors to Bruny – its unspoiled beauty – will be trashed by uncontrolled tourism. It's happened in other parts of the world. It seems that profit (for a few) outweighs protection of the environment everytime.
Worried about land clearing for cattle. [Deleted identifies individual] looks after tourists more than locals. Worried about feral cats.
I am a recreational fisher and diver and have been for 25 years in the D'Entrecasteaux Channel. I sometimes see conditions I consider to be unnatural in a negative view and wonder if fish farms have caused it.
Spoiled by lack of infrastructure – caravan parks, toilets, BBQs, change shed, rubbish bins.
More bins, more toilets, would help. Visitors need to be encourage to bin their waste or take it home – even better.



Logging again cannot be justified. resources needs for weed management (Spanish Heath etc) especially in proximity to Parks. The practice of driving vehicles on beaches needs to be reviewed.
The road to Lunawanna needs sealing as tourist go right to the Lighthouse
It's Bruny most precious resource.
Decision makers seem to favour who ever is 'in' at any time. I don't feel the environment is in good hands and protected for the long term. Community input ceased for road clean ups. Friends of Adventure Bay unable to work on the village green without a council worker presence. In my view 'Bureaucracy Gone Made'. Bureaucratic bodies in my view are meant to support not hinder communities.
The standard of accommodation has improved but there has been little quality control by Local Govt particularly with water shortage which has resulted in considerable overuse of water resources.
Better regulation of sub-divisions palns e.g failed one in Lorkins Rd and acces through swamp. Needs better environmental assessments.
One law for the tourism industry icons and another law for the rest. I am about to pay for fencing and signage to keep tourists from entering my land and pursuing, bailing up and panicking distressed wallabies. No recognition of private land.
It is the drawcard for hte tourist dollars so its very important that all levels of government support the concept of maintaining the population stampede impacting on the natural environment.
Currently possible, but concerned about the lack of infrastructure (toilets, rubbish disposal, fresh water availability, protection of beaches from vehicles, adequate parking where needed).
One of things that makes Bruny uniquely beautiful is the underdeveloped landscapes. Overdevelopment by tourism, sub divisions and fish farming is spoiling the Island. The upgrading of infrastructure also has an effect. We are now seeing unsustainable growth in tourist and visitor numbers and this impacts both land and sea.
Irresponsible dog owners and feral cats seem to be affecting the native wildlife, which is the highlight for me.
Most decisions seem to degrade the environment.
Parks and Wildlife services lack attention to maintenance and policing of issues like vehicles on beaches, illegal camping and dumping of rubbish. Lack of toilets and rubbish bins – polluting the bush.
Neither the environment nor community can sustain the recent onslaught of tourists. The lack of infrastructure is disgraceful, to the point that beaches and forests are being used as toilet facilities.
It is special and needs to continue being protected.
Need for parks and wildlife to OK community activity on land under their control i.e. foreshores, bush tracks
Neutral as long as strict safeguards are introduced and enforced – no overfishing, dune buggies, no forestry logging, fish farming etc
Improved infrastructure for the benefit of tourists sometimes results in negative impacts on environment, by degrading it and increasing visitors impacts.
Strict control of dune buggies, over fishing, water ski and racing boats, forestry logging, fish farming etc etc. 4 wheel driving on beaches, on sides of raods, parking everywhere along coast, even driving on footpaths must be stopped. We are the lucky ones – we live off the main road. Thank goodness.
Both the terrestrial and marine environment are under threat. The critical issue is that there is little effective management of the how resources are used and environmental values are impacted. In addition, broader impacts such as climate change are not sufficiently understood or planned for.

Environmental laws are not adequately enforced.
Not enough toilets and too much rubbish being left around. Not enough rubbish bins.
Please be careful not to over exploit your natural tourism attractions because you may end up destroying the things that you are using to get the tourism \$\$ in the first place.
Channel has more weed and sludge compared to 1970's, I think due to salmon farming. Offshore is a better option. Seasons are going to get drier and warmer - bringing higher fire danger, changes in marine ecology, species. Need to plant a tree for each cut down, preserve the soil and moisture.
Bruny's natural environment is 'the big drawcard' to the place by both visitors and residents. If more effort isn't taken to preserve this, it will be gone.
The growth in visitation needs to be carefully managed from both social and environmental perspectives. Perhaps working with the community to grasp the nettle to ensure tourism has a positive impact on the life of the community and not just those directly involved in it.
Protection from tourism and fishfarming is essential
as we promote quick access day trips to Bruny this has a detrimental effect on wildlife- most noticeably though increased pressure of tourist numbers, road traffic etc. I strongly believe Bruny should capitalise on its natural beauty by forward planning. V strict speed limits. managed access to penguins and shear waters at neck. Become cat free.( happening). and much more information at popular points about the restrictions needed to be able to observe wildlife. popular fishing spots may have to be fallowed for the odd season. An environmental levy on the ferry fee to be used for this purpose only would be one method. tourist facilities need to be further developed- toilets etc with again information on recycling, rubbish production. local business could act collectively to not sell single use coffee cups or promote re useables
Requires additional P&W rangers for management and policing.
The number of tourists now visiting Bruny Island actually put a huge strain on resources and the physical environment. There are not enough facilities for these visitors with the roadside areas being used as toilet facilities and the fragility of the penguin colony with such increased traffic may be a concern. and the transport issue for locals trying to get on and off the island is dire
Re D7, I think that the natural environment of Bruny is generally in good shape, because so much of it is in quite pristine condition. But this won't last if visitor numbers keep increasing at current rates (D2). The very things which attract people to Bruny - unspoilt environment, tranquillity, wonderful views etc - will be damaged by over-visitation, and we will 'kill the goose that laid the golden egg'. Re D5, we are personally very fortunate in living in a peaceful location on North Bruny. Re D3, the enormous expansion of the fish farm adjacent to Murrayfield will cause severe local effects by way of water pollution, the degradation of beaches, and excessive water traffic, and is incompatible with the wild nature of that part of Bruny's coastline. There are already too many fish farms within the D'Entrecasteaux Channel.
I feel the number of tourists need to be managed better.
Any degradation to the natural environment on Bruny Island will be solely the responsibility of too many tourists visiting the island. Rubbish, refuse, waste, noise pollution and road deterioration - All from too many visitors.
Some of the land based activity like forestry has negatively impacted on the state of Bruny's environment. Salmon farming has had a disastrous impact on the health of the Channel and storm bay. I fully support the BSA submission on Aquaculture expansion in storm bay.
We are experiencing a people Tsunami which we anticipate will only increase. For those who are permanent residents we are greatly worried how it will affect our quality of life.

Current impacts of tourism on environment is at a point where deliberate and concerted action to manage human activity on sensitive areas (e.g. Neck Rookery) is critical to avert irreversible damage.
The 'natural' environment can still be achieved if you are not impacted by the recent decrease of rainfall. eg have to buy chlorinated water. Our roads are now full of litter and previously unvisited areas are full of toilet paper and plastic bottles. Our beaches are quite often left littered and the carparks for these beaches are always littered with toilet paper and plastics.
Part of the natural environment should allow utilisation, which in turn provides such things as fire tracks etc in case of disaster. Currently these are missing.
Under high risk of irreparable damage due to almost complete lack of protection from unbridled development by greedy opportunists supported by local and State Governments.
Some areas - tracks - need to be 'rested' from time to time to recover
Bruny is under immense pressure from tourists - infrastructure is not keeping up - our environment is suffering. Fish farm noise, lights keep us awake - the levels of debris on the beach is unacceptable.
People should take their rubbish with them and there needs to be prosecution for littering.
The environment is what attracts residents, shackies and tourists here. I am reasonably happy with the current level of tourist visitors but care must be taken not to kill the goose that lays the golden egg.
Unchecked tourism and business development will inevitably alter the natural environment, as it is.
The enormous influx of tourists has not been well managed.
Bruny Island is unique. To try and alter its environment to be like other places is foolish and shortsighted. Jetski activity in Simpsons Bay is unwelcome and requires regulation. The impact of traffic noise and dust on SB Rd is significant. Roadside slashing and spraying by the council is both unnecessary and counter-productive. The new machines create unsightly damage to roadside vegetation. Flora and fauna in SB need to be identified and protected. No further developments should be proposed or implemented in the SB area until the marine species and birdlife are scientifically & environmentally considered.
Huge risk of massive bushfires.
Too precious to risk losing.
The natural environment is what brought a lot of us to Bruny in the first place (and visitors) - "We must not kill the goose that has laid this Golden egg."
Not enough infrastructure on the island to cope with growing numbers. Large ferry queues make it hard to get on/off island. Increased numbers impacting on shorebirds, wildlife. Climate change - very high tides now, increased risk of bushfire
Not enough knowledge about land farming - some farmers good, some not...fish farm needs to be watched and understood. I benefit from visitors but it does change your activities such as going back and forth to mainland in summer just manage it. It has gotten a little bit intense sometimes.
This is THE most important issue and should be the basis and foundations for the action plan. Sensible, genuinely sustainable development and management can occur... political will may be the issue
I have 185 salmon pens within 15 km of my beachside property. The noise, light, rubbish and nutrient pollution is bad. Something has to be done about the existing as well as the proposed.
Erosion, cats, rabbits worry me. It's lovely we have so much forested land but we can't mismanage it.
Influx of tourists - insufficient toilets. Rubbish thrown out of cars - not enough bins. Fish farms - salmon escape from pens and are eating other native fish. Unsightly above the water (fish farms).
Every effort must be made to preserve Bruny's natural environment - both beach and forest, for future

generations. More encouragement for residents to plant crops and orchards again and preserve the seal life.
Cat problem has to be solved
Having grown up in a tourist town I have seen the effects of too much tourism and what happens when it collapses. Tasmania's push for tourists has me concerned. I doubt that climate change will greatly affect me in my lifetime but in 40 years could be very different.
Very fragile [environment] and needs to be managed better.
I am concerned about the increase of tourism and its future impact on the island. Is creating jobs more important in the long-term than protecting the environment and lifestyle of the island?
More upkeep required on walking tracks around the island. Bin available for rubbish when tip closed.
An impact will occur should tourism levels demand more infrastructure/services which detract from the uniqueness of Bruny - and will result in the Island becoming just like anywhere else and hence why would people visit.
There's plenty of it.
Forestry has always been an important part of Bruny Life.
Since Lonely Planet mentioned Bruny there have been many more tourists collecting mussels in sacks
Beautiful.
Multiple impacts of forestry, fish-farming, increase in tourism are threatening Bruny's natural environment
Not sure about the fish farms. Fewer local fish but might not be due to fish farms. Once having a boat was a luxury - now every second person has one. Can't stop the tourists - but doing alright. Maybe some bus to Lighthouse. We choose to live in a quieter area. Not going to be around for climate change - anyhow is a (expletive)
I don't know enough about fish-farming
An environmental centre would be good to establish and eco-tourism
We need to cap the number of visitors per day to Bruny - we are going to let it be loved to death - don't have the infrastructure to cope with tourists numbers.
Always room for improvement. Better waste management is needed. Better care when pruning roadways. Weed eradication. Self sufficient power grid (e.g solar, wind etc)
I would not like to see Bruny overrun with visitors who do not have the same feelings for Bruny as locals do. I have seen it happen where we lived previously. Please keep Bruny BRUNY.
The Government should act according to the Island's capacity to cope. Provide infrastructure before allowing greater access
Local amateur fishing has virtually been destroyed by fish farming (Barnes Bay) over the 32 years we have been here.
Fishing locally for 30 plus years and the influx of fish pellets in the bay the Ph had changed - fewer fish.
Get rid of feral cats (actually ALL CATS)
The most beautiful place in the world. And we need to look after it.
Visitor numbers; fish farm expansion; and land clearing as well as the human movement and activities threaten to have damaging impacts.
Bruny Island's unique environmental qualities must be protected whilst we intelligently manage development and tourism on the island
Clean it up. Don't destroy it by making it 'all for tourists'

I worry about signage that is unsightly and not in keeping with the Bruny look that will interfere with the natural environment
Worried about more fires and not enough firefighters. Worried about low numbers of locally caught native fish. Traffic and people park and camp at roadside
There is no policy framework around tourism on the island
Loss of habitat for endangered birds and animals e.g. swift parrot; 40SP; Eastern Quoll
Tourism will only negatively impact the natural environment unfortunately...
It is very important to protect the environment , i.e, the natural beauty of Bruny Island for future generations and development, it is the goose lays the golden egg.
Sub-division for housing at Dennes Point has seen a proliferation of small blocks. 2/3 of an acre should be the minimum. Access to some places should be by boat only. (Opportunity for business). All rubbish to be removed by visitors/tourism operators.
The missing question about the current state of Bruny's marine environment – very negative – marine ecosystem degradation and species loss.
Impact of fish farms, climate change, light, noise, stress, pollution. Decline in bird numbers.
See Biosphere/region recommendation. I think the rate of tourist growth satisfies the business model, but unfortunately is not sustainable.
Around dusk and dawn, fauna (eg wallabies, indigenous hens) cross the road dangerously. At night time, some fauna crosses the road dangerously too. At these times, drivers should be required to drive sufficiently slowly for the safety of the fauna.
See comment re: Biosphere for Bruny. Re: fish farming – noise from the increase in marine traffic has impacted on our 'peace and quiet' already – with 14? Extra pens along East Coast of North Bruny. How much extra marine traffic and noise will we have to endure when the approx. 100 pens come on line?
Bulk transport of day tourists preferred, individual cars are the biggest impact to the dust, noise, traffic.
Tourism may be beneficial for a small number of the community, though a vast majority would not be adversely affect if it was reduced and not increased.
There are too many 4WD and campers for the limited camping on Bruny.
National Parks Rangers need more funding to upgrade the walking tracks on Bruny and to manage Ragwort around the whaling station ruins at Grass Point.
I am very scared for Bruny's future as I've seen across the world what happens to places like these (10 years from now).
Ragwort is a problem and it's getting worse. Landowners need to be held accountable.
Bruny's sole significant asset is its geographical and environmental position in a world becoming ruined by progress. Tourists are fascinated by Bruny as unspoilt – a value shared by residents and visitors alike, but one that can be loved to death. We must contain the flood of incomers, with education, increasing policing, more involvement by National Parks and Wildlife in supervision and parks maintenance; the future development of guided tours (by bus) etc. In short, don't just go for the fast buck of tourism – protect the environment, this huge and delicate asset will last longer and so will tourism as a result.
Bruny's natural environment is the main reason people want to live on the Island or visit. But tourism numbers are being increased without adequate management of the impacts. Likewise fish farming. Governments are not doing enough to speed and promote the necessary move away from fossil-fuels energy.
Fish farming is damaging the Channel as we watch and changing the marine ecology. Tourists need

to be informed about how to minimise their impact on the environment.
Our natural environment is put at risk by State Government and Local Government bending the rules and not enforcing permit conditions on tourism operators.
Control of weeds on farms – ragwort and Spanish Heath. Tourism has minimal impact – only when driving – more traffic and terrible drivers.
Natural environment should be carefully managed.
Fish Farms – good for jobs, extremely bad for the environment.
I answer neutral to question D7, as I believe Bruny's natural environment is still beautiful but if we do not start to better manage things such as the waste created by tourism etc, then we risk losing the beauty of our natural environment. I'm saddened by the environmental damage to the Channel caused by fish farming (and the huge increase in recent years). Offshore farms sound better in theory, but will this only disperse the garbage?
Too many fish farms. Leave farmers to do their farming. If visitors would follow the road rules and drive to the road conditions – would be good.
Bruny's natural environment is changing over time with the increased number of tourists coming to the island. I feel this number needs to be capped to preserve Bruny's environment.
Bruny has been managed for many generations for different land uses – careful and environmentally sensitive activities should be allowed to continue – not dictated by a vocal minority (ie landowners right to harvest).
Environment is being negatively impacted by too many visitors
These assets must be valued and protected accordingly, now.
Limitations on the amount of visitors at one given time.
The future impacts of climate change here are the same as they were approximately 5000 years ago.
The salmon farms are too close to Bruny shores.
I believe that tourism is Bruny's catalyst for environmental degradation. I disagree with the vilification of the salmon industry but believe regulations need to be tightened. Bruny needs more industry than just tourism.
Water temperature changes and bushfire threat worry me the worst. Adventure Bay feels very vulnerable. I am as unsatisfied as humanly possible [with fish farming].
Bruny island has its population based in foreshore settlements. All settlements now or will be threatened by the foreshore impact of industrialised fish farming. This will be from marine debris and nitrogen pollution of our beaches and waterways. The Tourism boom on the island is another cause of concern, as the island's capacity in infrastructure improvements has not kept pace with the rapid change in visitor numbers. This has led to very poor visitor experiences.
The impact of fish-farming and over-fishing has had a marked detrimental effect. Future plans for further extensions of fish farms around the island is a huge concern.
I would not like to see increased development leading to removal of many trees. Increased tourists have an impact on the island, especially our roads. Most permanent residents retired to Bruny because of the attraction of remoteness. When driving off ferry (thrilling!)
Bruny is being loved to death by the increase in visitors. The infrastructure and maintenance is not increasing with demand.
The natural environment is under severe threat. People presumably come here because they appreciate the natural environment. There has to be limits to the amount of development.
Land which Council has zoned 'farming' should be allowed to be farmed and not made subject to the full force of the Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Act/Forest Practices Authority/DPIPWE



Threatened Species.
I am very concerned about expansion of water based fish farming around the coast of Bruny – visual pollution, water pollution and effect on recreational activities such as sailing.
Bruny is unique and that's why we love it. It's not been commercialised and it's pristine, let's work to keep it that way.
Too many local and overseas/interstate tourists. Not enough or no rubbish bins e.g. start of Fluted Cape Walk. Insufficient toilet facilities e.g. beaches. Air/noise pollution from scenic flights has a big impact – very invasive to having a quiet life here.
Environmental management should be first and foremost in our minds. Bruny should not be logged. We have endangered species living here.
No logging of state forests (do not support). Council need to manage weeds along roadsides. Private land owners need to be made more accountable for managing weed infestations on their property. Better management of weed infestations in state forests and National Parks.
The environment is Bruny's asset....water and land. Its preservation is critical to the long term future of Bruny Island. Bruny needs to have a Bioregion framework as its vision and working future. A Bioregion philosophy will protect all that is precious both land and sea. Fish farming has the potential to destroy the marine environment if not managed in a sustainable way. Mass tourism has the same impact and again planning for sustainable tourism (low footprint) is critical to ensuring the Bruny environment is preserved for the future and long term.
Need a moratorium on fish farming. There are many issues, which need addressing and resolving. Weeds also a problem especially with absentee owners whose weeds thrive and spread.
I think Parks and Wildlife are doing a great job in a time of increased tourism. More control over hoons on Cloudy Bay beach though.
It is vital that Bruny seeks the tourism dollar. However the infrastructure needs to be in place to cater for all the visitors. Sadly, the facilities are very much underprovided. This puts extra pressure on the environment. It's possible that many of Bruny's roads will suffer damage from rising sea level.
People need to be educated and encouraged to not litter. Perhaps extra collection points. Visitors could be given rubbish bags with ferry fare ticket and the bag should be returned to a collection point as they leave – or pay a fine. Littering should be policed and fines given for littering.
I feel the visitor impact versus natural beauty is comparable to somewhere like Lake St Clair and wish our Parks staff had similar resources!
I think it's important to find a way to grow tourism in a way that protects the environment e.g. restrict the number of visitor cars/a bus service from the ferry (hop on/off). Encourage 'mass' tourism where they're all 'in and out' rather than staying.
Roadside rubbish and marine debris concern me. Also I think Government/Council could be doing more about regeneration and weed control.
The natural environment is one of the selling points to live on or visit Bruny. We need to find a balance between tourism business and environment, including traffic safety.
Water is an issue – I would like to see test results published in the Bruny News of the bores and aquifers. Management of tourism will become extremely important as numbers increase and greater 'controlled access' to the most popular attractions to reduce environmental damage.
I believe more could be done to eradicate introduced weeds like Ragwort and Blackberries. Too many visitors puts stress on the Island. Why do we not ask for an entry fee that could then be used towards environmental management. Just imagine if every non-resident's car had to pay only \$10...! Or even very non-Tasmanian car!

More Parks and Wildlife staff are needed to maintain walking tracks and parks. We find that a lot of tracks need maintenance.
We moved here for the beautiful, unique and fragile environment. It is an incredibly special ecosystem and requires our assistance to preserve it.
Very special and very high natural values which should be preserved at all costs.
"Do you realise what a jewel you have here on Bruny?" is a question that I often get asked by visitors from overseas. I do, but the actions of the State Government, despite their rhetoric, indicate they do not. Existing planning laws are regularly contravened by tourism operators, and the untrammelled expansion of fish farming has occurred without consideration of marine environmental impact. Sensible provision for marine protected areas in high value areas around the shores of Bruny makes sound scientific sense, but the State Government has not considered this because of industry and fishing recreation interests.
Generally industry lacks baseline studies to base healthy decisions on. I have concern over the health of our coastal waters.
Aquaculture has had a major affect on the immediate environment I see on a day-to-day basis. 'Pacific Oysters' are very invasive.
It's being loved to death. A complete lack of infrastructure, too many tourists full stop. Gone are the days when you could go anywhere. Now it's all rich people locking the gate thinking they actually own the coast and the ocean.
As Bruny's economy grows, land prices increase so property owners are motivated to subdivide, farmers have to increase productivity by clearing more land etc all of which cause a decline in the natural environment – this is their right but it means critical habitat for the endangered species disappears (which is poorly represented in the national parks on the island). There seems no oversight of what habitats are disappearing so no strategy to deal with this.
Large areas covered by National Park rules, other areas are well kept.
Sand comes and goes naturally, but over the years the frontages at Nebraska have lost more than gained – some quite badly.
Bruny is already being 'loved to death' – too many visitors.
The government and tourism operators are systemically abusing Bruny's unique natural values – marine, wildlife and terrestrial – through the constant 'spruiking' of mass market tourism. It is the destruction of our childrens/grandchildren's future.
Concerned about the Kingborough Council wanting to take over the coastal land at Quiet Corner. Quiet Corner is not Kingston Beach or Blackmans Bay Beach. Carpark, playground and anything else they have in mind should all be removed and moved up to the hall area and let Quiet Corner return to its natural beauty and let it live up to its name "Quiet Corner".
The environment will continue to be adversely impacted because of unregulated tourism.
Increasing number of tourists will inevitably impact the island. Capping/limiting overall numbers. Consider restricting the number of Airbnb/accommodation options in residential zoning.
Impact on the natural environment by lack of proper infrastructure for huge visitation is a concern – proper walking tracks, rubbish etc.
Worried about any proposed logging.
Bruny Island is a mecca. We are up there with many overseas sites (I been to many). But we have poor management to ensure visitors can see our Island safely and environmentally. Sadly farming is diminishing – agriculture was a large part of who Bruny was and should be.
No bins = increased litter. Bruny needs more industry, not just tourism. There is no such thing as eco-

tourism – increased visitors leads to increased environmental degradation. Dirt roads damage the environment and lead to increased accidents. Salmon farms need to improve their environmental management but should not be vilified.

Bruny Island has quite a fragile ecosystem. Huge numbers of motorists and visitors and the unchecked fish farm expansion is putting this system under a huge strain. Commendably there are many local environmentally minded groups on BI.

Bruny is poised to become a stressed environment – perhaps some sort of traffic control needs to be in place? Many islands have quotas for daily visitors.

Slower speed limits. Turn Forestry into National Parks. More public toilets. More lookouts and viewing platforms. Signs for awareness of wildlife. More bins.

The medical services are good, in my experience. As our community gets older, we should participate in more self-help activities.
I think it's important that there is a professional female GP on island as well as a male GP.
I am totally overwhelmed at the great response of the ambulance and Community Health Nurses, I love gardening, and try to be very careful, but I have a very high allergy to Jack Jumper Ants, and have had the ambulance and nurses in attendance three or four times, and was to be air lifted off at one stage, turned out to be not necessary, but I have an EpiPen, for the anaphalactic reaction. I have nothing but very, very positive comments on the fast arrival of help, and then back up calls. Thankyou to all the volunteers, and staff of the Health Centre.
We had an excellent health service until some 'new' residents decided to fix it! Result - loss of excellent nurses and services for the island. I am sick and tired of 'new' people meddling in something they know nothing about.
Road conditions are often poor - dirt roads - tourists drive dangerously - stop inappropriately on the wrong side, drive either too slowly or too fast for the conditions.
A number of residents are complaining about an already over serviced health centre. They are dissatisfied with anything for the sake of whinging.
Poor roads and inexperienced drivers = dangerous roads. Health services are better than most remote or distant locations. Policing is selective at the moment, but over time has been very good. Police should be rotated regularly to avoid personal prejudice.
Low capacity for catastrophic fires but very capable for lesser emergencies.
In the provision of health services to this relatively small community, we do very well. Most needs are met and in cases of emergency, a seriously ill person is likely to be in RHH before someone in Dover or New Norfolk. We have access to some specialist services usually found only in larger population centres and are arguably better provided for than Tasman Peninsula or some East Coast centres. I feel safe. I feel my health needs are catered for.
As the population of Bruny continues to increase with tourism it is critical that all our services continue at the high level and standard they are at! Our police and nurses need support and at the busy times extra support to deal with issues arising!
During peak tourist season, several dangerous experiences occur. Speed limits need to be lowered due to the conditions of the roads. The dangers and near misses have been extremely numerous this year. Council does not listen to our suggestions for safety of locals and visitors.
Re emergencies - not experienced any, however, more consistent GP coverage during the week would be preventative measure regarding medical situations.
Not really sure what the health services are - go off the island for these. Intimidated by idiots on the road - especially when out for a walk or run.
Excellent health centre and nurses providing excellent care 24/7. Safety also excellent.
Road condition is my major concern at this point in time on Bruny. Congratulations to the powers that be for the amazing upgrade at the neck for safety reasons. I believe that a major overhaul needs to be undertaken on the entire length of Adventure Bay Rd and Main Rd through to Alonnah / Lunawanna. I also have major concerns on the unsealed road from Lunawanna through to Cape Bruny. There are many potholes on all three of these roads and there is much added risk involved for all drivers (local and otherwise).
Driving has become more dangerous with incompetent tourist using the roads
Budget of Health Centre needs to be open to public (maybe it is?). Suggest is might be helpful to stop bulk billing for all patients, particularly tourists or other visitors so that the extra funds could go into

programs/ services for the residents such as doctors attending more regularly. Also consider the cost of the rescue helicopter versus better facilities on the ground. Finally, the island cannot continue to expect volunteers to service everyone. There needs to be a system of payment / positions created, particularly for the volunteers who attend accidents etc.
Bruny is a great place to live and work I love it here but our safety on and around the roads with the current mix of locals and visitors is quite dangerous. The locals are not chilled out anymore and do dangerous things on the roads but the visitors are not quite up with our road rules and don't seem to expect vehicles to come around that blind corner they have parked over they seem completely oblivious to the fact someone is behind them when they stop all of a sudden.
Very impressed with the community be Bush fire ready day and information at Alonnah. Sometimes tourists park/stop in unsafe areas. Haven't had to access medical services other than chemist. When we are on Bruny we feel happy and relaxed.
Speeding is a big issue and it is mainly residents just saying!!!!
For the number of visitors over the summer there is certainly not enough police to be able to cover. The worst issues are in the road with people speeding, overtaking where they shouldn't and littering.
The number of tourist cars being driven too fast for the conditions and often on the wrong side of the road is very scary
International drivers should simply not be allowed to drive on Australian roads without passing an actual driving test. They are dangerous, along with photographers stopping in the middle of the road and locals who think they know the road overtaking streams of cars on blind corners! One of the school bus drivers had been known to drive a bit fast too. The free exercise programs should not have been taken away!
Driving on our roads is a major safety issue. I have lost track of the number of near misses I have had with tourists on the wrong side of the road or driving out of control. How can this be addressed more effectively? I was very concerned when the health programs were slashed due to the recent change in management (12-18 months ago?). They were so beneficial for a variety of residents and had become part of the fabric of the community. The health centre is integral to the community and a real asset to be built upon. I have lost faith in the new management to provide a personalised, progressive outreach program to support the health of our community, and support the current staff to do the best they can. It seems morale is low amongst staff. Shame on the new management.
A permanent doctor on the island is required. I've lived here for 25 years and there's never been a resident doctor.
Re E4, there is good resources for dealing with most emergencies, except a major bushfire.
Uncontrolled increase in tourist numbers with large numbers of drivers unfamiliar with narrow roads and unsealed roads have resulted in frequent dangerous situations on the island roads. Poor levels of road maintenance are a major contributing factor, especially on unsealed roads and most significantly the lighthouse road. Pre warning and education of tourists visiting may help reduce the problem. Health and emergency services on the island are totally unprepared and underfunded to cope with a serious accident involving a tourist bus or boat especially as operators transport large groups into wild and inaccessible areas.
I am sure that for elderly people, health services would be criticised. Sadly, I believe that, if you have health issues, you have to take steps yourself and move to somewhere where there is suitable treatment available. I know of a few elderly Bruny residents who have reluctantly (and often at the insistence of their children) had to leave the island for health reasons. You can't expect top-class facilities on a remote island, it is as simple as that. I had breast cancer two years ago, and just had to

accept that, until my treatment was finished, I would have to stay on the mainland. I went seven months without venturing on the island. Just deal with it! Crime? I don't have any evidence of crime being a problem here. Safety? I am afraid and worried about the driving by our Chinese friends. Apparently you do not need to have ever driven a car to get a driving licence in China. At best, people have driven on a simulator, but at worst, they get their licence on the black market, rock up at teh airport, get a large people carrier and then proceed to endanger everybody they meet – or who is following them. I don't need to quote examples. Craig Luke, on behalf of the fire brigade and the ambos could talk about this for hours. I have seen the ferry operators have to help Chinese drivers get off the ferry. I myself have stopped as first car passing for quite a few cars in ditches. There has to be some test for drivers before they are allowed to hire vehicles. Because Bruny Island's roads are not suitable for complete learners. PS PLEASE don't tarmac the road up to Dennes Point! And PLEASE don't put crash barriers up along the northern end of Nebraska Road!!! The Neck has been ruined (and I agree that something had to be done): perhaps a sign at the junction (in Chinese) saying: "Dirt Track Road, Hire cars not advised and not insured"!!
We need more regular doctors and access to weekend [health service].
No
Concern about the ongoing quality of care at the health centre.
The special beauty of Bruny is a balm to my soul. I cannot express this adequately. The peace of the community correlates to the beauty of the place itself, I think.
The roads are getting more dangerous drivers not only speeding etc but tourist pulling over in dangerous places and causing hazards
I feel somewhat isolated and a long way away from police should I need them (live alone). North Bruny
Many tourists need educating about following road rules and safe driving on the island.
The major danger for islanders is tourists driving unsafely on our gravel roads. The solution is not to bitumen roads, but to limit daily numbers of tourists to Bruny, plus more education about appropriate driving speeds.
Seeing locals paint and put up slow signs on cloudy bay road should alert council to community concern and frustration It's a common talking point at social events to joke about close calls and did you see situation with dodgy drivers A pull over bay at the ferry when onloading on the island with big nasty signs saying bruny is a working island we love having visitors but if your on holiday slow down and pull over and let the locals go ahead to do their work also the manic surfers from town who think the waves are going to dry up need to slow down on CB Road I'm a surfer so no bias there The pissy gate at the neck to allow access to channel side looks like an accident waiting to happen Limit size of rental rvs as the really big ones are too large Bushfire plans designated helipads full time doctor
A more rigorous screening of overseas drivers.
Whilst the health centre is a great resource, it is some distance from the north of Bruny which is relatively populated. There needs to AT LEAST be an accessible automatic defibrillator at Dennes point, especially with the increasing tourism numbers.
There has been recent talk about thievery - although I have not experienced it. Providing education and employment should lessen this anti-social behaviour A full time, permanent doctor / medical service would appear to be essential to the well being of residents
I know we need more volunteers for our emergency services. I'm just sorry that, due to personal health issues, I can't do more myself.
I think the strength of the community has been its saving grace. One member becomes a ambulance



officer and a secretary of the local community organisation as well as running a business. Shackles contribute little in these circumstances but could be able to contribute on an ad hoc basis (e.g a volunteer fireman in town could have a dual membership with a Bruny brigade). as communities grow then there is a risk of it becoming someone else problem - e.g ambulance is now at a level of low volunteer numbers. Supporting these initiatives would be money well spent for the government agencies as I know the value of training a volunteer well is cheap in comparison to having to fly every sick person to hospital because there are no services supplied.
I am disgusted with the nursing centre and the things we have lost that the community let them go and didn't fight for them
As a shack owner I come to Bruny for relaxation, rest, enjoyment. As a family we have had a shack since 1950 with generations of the family enjoying coming to Bruny. I have always felt safe, and I know the locals who live on the island know the correct people to call if there is a emergency. Crime was never a concern, until very recently I am getting more worried as there is more people roaming around. I even had a next door neighbor call me to say a developer had gone onto my land to measure up my block to see if it was big enough for him to build a development.....not happy!!
It is our understanding that the Medical facility in Alonnah is subject to politics that affect it's running. We were disappointed to see such a lovely facility in the Medical Centre standing idle during our visits and to hear locals detail the wranglings that are going on. The Medical Centre should be adequately staffed to provide regular medical services to local residents and tourists. In terms of emergency management on the Island we consider the South Island to be better serviced than the North Island due to location of Police, Ambulance and Fire Services in the South vicinity. We understand that under extreme emergency situations choppers are available, as are other emergency services, from the mainland. Living/visiting an Island naturally puts people in a situation of isolation to some degree, however the provisions on South Bruny create a sense of security for the area.
In regards to emergency response, if you take out the issues with quick accessibility from off-island support crews, I believe Bruny has the essentials covered for minor emergencies.
The regular health services currently are appalling.
I am concerned that the health budget intended for the local community is being eroded by tourists needing medical help, such as when they have road accidents. I can't remember how many times I have had to toot my horn at a car coming at me in the middle of the road and not moving! I used to feel very safe and we didn't need to lock our car or house doors at night but we do now. I avoid leaving my home during the day – just take the dog out early for a walk, then late in the day. When I first started coming to Bruny regularly in 1997 the only people we saw when driving or walking were locals and it was easy to fit in and get to know people. Now there are so many strangers passing through every day that I don't feel like we have a community anymore. It is definitely fractured in my view, especially when you read the rubbish written on Bruny Notices.
Every time we see an Asian tourist driving towards us it is like you are watching death coming for you. The Asian tourists are terrifying behind the wheel.
Permanent Doctor would be good, not just 2 days per week
The neck upgrade has improved road safety. Chinese drivers biggest hazard. Adventure Bay Rd ridiculously inadequate. Seal road to Lighthouse.
This is my special sanctuary - I love the fall of evening when the road go quite and life slows to a liveable pace. The bush is still healthy and wildlife abundant - lets cherish and preserve these features.
In the past I have experienced a car accident where there was no police officer available for 24-48

hours. I was blamed for an accident which was not my fault and the other party was not breath tested. I found this very upsetting-and even 12 years later regret not standing up for my rights-if I had any!
I feel that as the population grows crime rates will increase. Because we live in a predominantly holiday area with many unoccupied residences.
Limiting overseas visitors in cars would be an option. More shuttle buses to transport visitors would be good.
Health service adequate- Increase in tourist numbers have increased demand for services se---Huge increase in MVA's giving increased risk to all-Many Asian Interstate drivers have little experience with dirt roads-Consideration and addressing this issue is paramount both to the drivers and other road users--
The more visitors to the island the more crime, bushfires, accidents and stress on the environment
Fish farming noise and industrial strength light having detrimental effect on community
After hours medical advice on 1800 022222 very frustrating.
Inexperienced visitor drivers have created a number of situations on the roads that need to be addressed i.e. speeding and dust nuisance on gravel roads
Major concern with lack of continuity with Doctor coverage. Should have at least one full-time doctor.
Nurses are great. I don't like changing doctors.
It would be better if we had more than 2 days a week to visit doctors - better still if a permanent doctor was to practice on Bruny.
Our health service is appalling
Better signage on single bridges. Tourist constantly fail to give way on bridges at Adventure bay thinking its for two cars! Develop a welcome to Bruny Island pamphlet in various languages to outline our road rules, places to visit and the need to respect our environment.
Permanent Doctors required.
I love Bruny but probably wouldn't live there if I was dependent on Health services, not living in the community I dont really know much about the process of emergency services but I don't feel confident enough to say that as a older person you would be able to get enough help on the Island to sustain life until you were able to reach a hospital.
Most islanders especially the mature aged, know to drive carefully to avoid road kill, however some bruny islanders do not care for the native creatures at night. And I do not know if tourists take care when driving at bruny to avoid road kill situations.
Road safety, especially poor driving at speed is my main safety concern. Some speed reduction interventions like speed humps on entering and around communities would be really welcome. The north of the island is poorly placed for medical care - but that is a small risk I am happy to take for the peace and slower pace up there. But response to a traffic accident does worry me.
Bruny is a fantastic place. I chose to invest in Bruny as I suffer PTSD and to gave me solitude and peace of mind. This has now changed the ferry is frustrating and so is the traffic, dust and noise.
Apart from the increased traffic noise and lack of infrastructure, lack of fish due to fish farms, our overall life style on Bruny has not otherwise been affected to a great degree over the last 24 years.
Overseas visitors frequently drive dangerously with little regard to our road rules.
Road safety is a concern eg lack of warning signs on sharp corners with significant drop off eg road between Killora and Dennes Point
Have not used health services so unable to comment.
I once witnessed a family violence situation when driving on Main Road. It was scary. I worry about isolated shacks getting robbed and vandalised. Generally I feel very safe on Bruny, though. Bruny is

good for our health as a wonderful place for walking, relaxing and reading.
We have had no problem with crime as yet but have heard about break ins and theft. The tourists traveling the roads are dangerous and often travel on the wrong side of the road and will not move over putting you into the culvert.
Provision for out of hours medical products and services due to accidents that don't require ambulance but still serious to need attention.
The most dangerous driving I have encountered on Bruny is - dare I say it? - not people driving too fast, but those identifiably overseas visitors who drive extremely slowly and at times come to an unexpected and total halt when encountering a vehicle driving in the opposite direction. It might be worth considering a sign at Roberts Point suggesting that those who wish to enjoy the view and drive more slowly pull to the side for a few moments (right there) and allow regular commuters to pass in safety. Win-win.
Permenant doctors would be good.
Asians should not be driving on Bruny roads. There should be a 20km/hr speed limit on Endeavour Place road. The dust from the water trucks and cars cover our house, fill the gutters which all goes into our drinking water. These water trucks start sometimes at 4.45am and go to 10.00pm. Most of this water is for commercial usage. This road was only built for residential purposes, not for thundering trucks to use all hours of the night.
From Dennes Pt it is far easier to go off island to Snug doctor after an inconsistent run of doctors at Health Centre (one of whom didn't have my records from the previous time). Also funding lost and so our connection to the community down south lost as we don't go to funded pilates/exercises etc - makes it too expensive to attend private classes
We had keep fit programs and social outings for locals which helps overall well-being of the community - funding needs to be re-instated.
All our emergency services are volunteer ambulance and firefighters and mostly elderly and retired people. Very limited response for large scale emergency for example a tour bus rollover.
The local volunteers do an amazing job however the increase in numbers and therefore accidents is a totally unfair and unreasonable expectation of the current group and emergency workers.
Should be signs asking people to slow down on the gravel and not stop on bends to admire the view
Visitor driving is a concern - suggest more signs around keeping to the correct side of the road and the dangers of gravel roads.
I've been subject to theft on 4 occasions. Capacity for getting people on and off the island is impeded by isolation/access. Roads are far too narrow for vehicles to safely pass in some places. Pot holes, loose gravel and corrugations present ongoing driving hazards. Bruny Island Main Rd being sealed would reduce some hazards.
Wonderful retreat and opportunity to be 'away from home' to relax and rejuvenate
My concern about the emergency services on Bruny are they are staffed by local volunteers who are providing free services to the state and local council.
Unsealed roads are a big worry with increased numbers of inexperienced drivers in the middle of the road and coming to complete stop when oncoming traffic appears!
Huon Health are robbing the system blind and should be thrown off the island. They have no management experience and nurse manager should also be moved immediately - nothing but a bully.
The roads on Bruny are very poor and dangerous for inexperienced international drivers. I've nearly been in about 10 head on collisions with oncoming cars due to narrow roads and cyclist with no path so they ride on the road.

Should have 2 permanent police officers - hands off our health centre
I am concerned about wood hooking in our area. Otherwise I don't have a sense of much crime occurring on Bruny. Based on the bushfire awareness day held in late 2017 I have confidence that the right systems are in place however I acknowledge that in extreme events no system will be enough. Seeing the SES demonstration gave me confidence that major accidents can be attended to. In addition, stories I have read of thanks for the assistance given to those who have heart attacks or strokes on the island is quite impressive. Though I have not used the health services on the island, I understand from my elderly neighbours that they are very adequate.
Air quality great drawback here. so increased traffic causing more dust and noise and vehicel emissions is distressing.
A lot of health, well being and safety services are all only accessible on a week day - Monday to Friday and people who work have no option to take part in these activities beacuse they aren't any provided at convenient times so they miss out.
My fitness level has decreased since preventative health and fitness programs are no longer run on the island. Roads can be dangerous with loose gravel and inexperienced drivers. An extra land at Roberts Pt for ferry queue, as I often have to drive on the wrong side around a blind corner to drive to ferry to pick up.
What Bruny lacks in resources, it makes up for in community cohesiveness. People pull together in emergencies.
Like permanent doctors - 5 days a week. Xray facilities should be on island. Too much 'tooting and froing' to town.
I think we have minimal local resource to deal with bush fires. We would struggle in teh event of a serious fire if fires are in other state areas, meaning other fire fighters can not assist us.
Need permanent doctor. Don't keep changing.! Nurses need more scope to operate - currently restricted on simplest things.
We need more doctors! I can never get an appointment before heading back to the mainland.
Visitors (Asians mainly) cannot drive safely. The stop to take photos. Hopeless on gravel roads. (Ask Paul - RACT!)
A resident GP would be a positive move.
Residents could make more use of exercise facilities available to them.
Driving on Bruny is a worry with animals on roads
Riding a bike does not feel very safe, more space needed for bike riders.
Bus service for Chinese tourists. The can't drive. Health Centre revert back to former days. More toilets.
Seeing/experiencing the dismantling of an amazing health service is distressing. We have amazing infrastructure but no longer feel supported. We have lost Island carers because bureaucratic decision to swap carers around even though they know hte elderly need consistency. Lost [name] due to wage issues. She was doing an amzing job but not supported to stay on. Our doctors leaving as they fely unsupported due to bureaucratic meddling. Rules and more rules preventing [nurses] from being or fulfilling the roles they once had. Health service costs more and delivers less.
Emergency services (ambulances principally) seriously compromised by lack of vollies. Incentives needs. provision of health services not great due to lack of single governing body.
Not enough younger, fitter volunteers for example ambulance volunteers- need paid professionals to support or provide service.
I followed Dr Anna Chilcott off the island nine years ago to use the Snug Medical Centre. Wouldn't use

the local centre if at all possible as am horrified at what I'm continually hearing about the deterioration of service through poor management.
Well the health centre has a management issue that needs rectifying e.g. nurses now answer the phones - lack of communication and breakdown of trust
Reservation is that ambulance, fire officers, SES are all volunteers - in a ageing population. Not good for long term.
With the increase in visitor numbers comes an increase in crime as well as higher traffic volume and inexperienced drivers. We are looked after by our Community Health Centre and it needs to continue to operate at its current or higher level. Our volunteers in the Emergency Services do a great job and should be supported to continue to do so.
My biggest concern is poor and drink drivers that do not expect wildlife, pedestrians and cyclists. Littering and free-ranging dogs are about the worst crimes I have experienced.
Access to health services in an emergency faster than in most capital cities
Need for preventative courses at the Health Centre and fitness classes. Need for doctor consistency on island. Need for expansion of nurses' interaction with community outside of the Health Centre. Need for younger community members to become involved in Ambulance - only one person on South Island.
The current administration of the Health Centre is of grave concern. It is abysmal.
Need for foreign language signs - Chinese/Japanese. Need for health centre to be zoned REMOTE not rural.
I am extremely concerned about the withdrawal of health and wellbeing services over the last 12-18 months and the lack of doctor time.
An excellent health centre exists at Alonnah with fine medical and nursing staff but grave mis-management problems/issues detract from its effectiveness.
We need just one manager for nurses and doctors. Need a full-time doctor. The nurses are wonderful. Please keep them happy and healthy and not overworked. Home visits would be wonderful.
Driving when tourists are on the road is terrifying. A specialist told me I have to have a consistent GP so I've left the Health Centre and go off island to a GP. Seeing the bush every day just makes me smile!
I'm surprised that there isn't an on call doctor living on the island 24/7. I would imagine it could be a highly sort after spot that could be covered by a number of Tasmanian based doctors on a rotating roster.
Always been there when needed, eg spider bite, chest pain.
Road safety is my main concern. As in most popular tourist destinations, there is a high percentage of people who either drive on the other side of the road where they come from, or/and who are not used to country roads. There are many distractions including wildlife leading to accidents. Maybe road safety pamphlets passed out to tourists as they board the ferry could minimise accidents.
It would be great to have access to a Vet, especially in emergencies.
My example of a dangerous situation on the roads is when a tourist pulled up their vehicle in the middle of the intersection (turn off to Adventure Bay/Alonnah) - got out of the car that was just sitting in the middle of that road and took photos of the view. It could of had a very bad result. My father would have difficulties living at his property due to the services provided for health, so for me personally it is ok, but for my parents it would not be suitable.
Safety on roads is terrible with tourist drivers allowed to indulge their death wish. A very serious problem. They should be put on buses.

the short course on health and activity offered by the medical centre were excellent. A further emphasis on preventative and community medicine would help an isolated community. Bruny should be a strong community in which aging and independant living is supported Road safety is a major issue. I avoid ferry main times when leaving my house on north bruny and have close shaves regularly on the bends on dirt roads with tourists abut also taswegians towing boats in a hurry. Some signage to warn of safe driving.
Rate the medical and emergency services highly.
Road safety issues with inexperienced drivers driving very fast on the sealed and unsealed roads is a huge concern. I have seem many 'near" misses that could have been major and tragic accidents. The threat posed to other motorists is also a concern. Too few have to man the volunteer ambulance and fire crew. It has become busier for them which erodes their private lives and responsibilities but without their crucial work I don't know what would happen
Re E2, I live with a GP, and go to Hobart regularly, and so have had no personal need for health services on the island. I only know about them by reputation, and so cannot really comment on their quality. Re E4, I have personal knowledge of two emergency situations which were dealt with very well with assistance/services provided direct from Hobart - helicopters in one case, and the Police boat in the other.
It would be great to have the same dr's at the health clinic and more health and wellbeing activities
My well being will be adversely affected if too many tourists come onto the island. That point in time is probably upon us know. The health centre is excellent and other doctors are available if required on the main land. Crime is very low due to the ferry being the only point of entry/exit. Tasmania Police provide an extra officer during peak times, and maybe it is time to review this due to the high visitor rate which now extends almost year round.
Increase in tourist road traffic and stupid speed limits ( 80kmh through Killora) are a disaster waiting to happen.
The speed limits on the roads are fine. Since the traffic is punctuated with cars from the ferry, there needs to be turnouts for slow drivers who cause more of a hazard then fast drivers.
Should not allow Asian visitors to hire cars.
Bruny emergency volunteers do a fabulous job but are not sufficient in numbers to respond to major incidents without other units (as elsewhere in regional Tas). Those with chronic health conditions may need to relocate to achieve appropriate services.
[Dangerous situations are] caused by drivers - not road conditions.
Government neglect. Only volunteers to provide most of not all essential services.
More effort needs to be put into planning for bushfire emergencies with special emphasis on elderly residents - and tourists.
Tourists on roads are a real priblem with poor driving and accidents putting a strain on emergency services. I only feel unsafe on the roads - speeding cars and drivers on the wrong side.
Increased visitors increase risk for home invasion.
Bruny has high capacity to deal with major emergencies because we can also utilise mainland servicecs e.g. helicopter evacuations; paramedics flown in.
Changes are developing and are need to meet the health/well-being wishes of the skewed older population on Bruny
speed limits on roads should be reduced
Now that Bruny is more populated there should be restrictions on recreational shooting, especially during holiday periods when visitors are not aware of country practices. Local policeman should



support this initiative. Re health: Bruny needs a doctor. Preventative health care is infinitely more effective than ordinary medical care and catering for chronic conditions. Re-institution of preventative health programs is desirable.
Still a good place to live.
Would like to see 'remote status' re-introduced so we have our exercise for good health programs reinstated. Good for integrating single people into the community.
Great community and we have great health services
I grew up on Bruny and I don't think it is as safe as it used to be. More people around and on the roads.
I chose neutral for 'How does living on Bruny affect your well-being' because some aspects such as the beauty, quiet and community have positive effects but logistics and travelling times, distances to main island can be quite stressful.
I avoid heading south to the bottom of Bruny in high visitor times - I don't feel very safe with the ignorance on driving on dirt roads - meaning visitors.
In the relatively short time on Bruny there has been a much larger turnover of doctors than what I would prefer.
Upgrade the health centre and make sure continuity of doctors and nurses.
The service provided at health centre aren't what they used to be. We require nurses to do things rather than hand ball to others. It appears to be a transfer station. [We have] trespasses on the property - tourists trying to get best view.
We need control of our nursing service returned to Bruny NOW and only have volunteer services for fire and other emergencies.
The health service was better some years ago. Now that bureaucrats have got hold of it we have the ridiculous situation of nurses not allowed to give injections or stitch wounds plus a lot of exercise gear just going to waste. Dangerous driving situations have resulted from tourists driving slowly to admire the scenery but not having the sense to pull over, drivers in a hurry to pass them and drivers not used to gravel roads.
Police and volunteers are excellent. We did have a great health centre but politics etc have badly harmed it. Best nurses anywhere.
Tourism has made driving more dangerous and feel there is a duty of care to warn travellers of the dangers of our roads here. If they knew the number of accidents they may reconsider visiting the island.
The services available per head of population exceed those of off-island areas and should be supported by Island residents.
I believe we should use the Health Centre on our Island not travel to mainland.
Bruny Island needs to be classed as a remote location not rural.
Health services have been degraded by removal of health promotion services and by under-funding by the State Government. Safety is compromised by poor telecommunications and by under-resourcing of emergency services.
Only use Kingston Medical. Multi-language road signs would help.
Emergency services are amazing, as are the nurses, but general medical services need to be consistent
Just don't have the personnel for SES/Ambos/Fire - cross membership, Best to go at 30 than have the accident.
Trucks should have a mandatory low speed on all the island. And proper multi-lingual road signing.
My issues are mainly with the State Government's inadequate and failing health policies and

legislation
We want our our old prevantative health remote status back. Our volunteers are expected to do too much. Need more help to stay at home option for older people.
Full time doctor needed.
Health: I am very appreciative of the health services on Bruny, especially when I needed their help in the last 7-8 months Well-Being: I am a great believer in preventative medicine - so please bring back the health/fitness services that were available a year ago - reasoning needed for this. Safety: Visitors do not seem to treat Bruny as locals do. Driving is a particular issue, especially with overseas drivers. Emergencies: Thank you for our volunteers who keep Bruny safe. But please they need all the help they can get.
There has been no justification offered to the removal of adequate proactive health services previously enjoyed and beneficial to islanders. Re Zoning cannot be justified.
Change our health classification from 'rural' to 'remote'.
I would like to see our classification changed back from Rural to Remote (12 hours a day we are) and then preventative health activities can be re-introduced.
I have not had to contact the health centre yet, but am concerned that on days GPs are not on the island and after hours that only nurses are available and even they are not after hours - you have to go through a 1800 number. I believe respite services should be available on the island.
The health centre is essential for Bruny Island residents, especially retirees. The road to Dennes Point needs widening - quite dangerous. Speed sign of 80 at Apollo Bay is ridiculous - should be 50 or 60.
Health services used to be good. Now not safe or workable, particularly for people without access to medical professionals. The place is wonderful for lifestyle and mental health and quality of life for everyone despite their financial means. But this is decreasing due to reduced amenity due to visitor dominance.
As a young family living permanently on the island, having reliable access to a GP and nurses is essential to maintaining and improving our health and sense of safety
Help the nurses to be nurses so they can help us. Drive on the right side of the road tourists! There are speed limits on the island too...
Excellent attention and service at medical centre
Always had prompt attention at the medical centre when needed
We enjoyed the health classes that used to be offered at the Health Centre - walking group, visiting gardens, exercise classes. Those were good.
Concerned about ambulance services and that basic services have to deal with influx of tourists over summer. Concerned about a fire - not familiar with the fire team - lack of confidence
I do not use the health services on the island
The Health Centre and their staff is doing a marvellous job, but medical services are available only part time.
Need road side cameras to enforce speed limits. Bad bends are not sufficiently signed. Perhaps offer free 'community first aid' courses so that in the north, help is close at hand. Have registered First Aiders as you find in workplaces. Well-being - feeling that nobody care about preserving the beautiful pristine places. Big Business is all the State Government cares about. Policies re: Fish Farms are full of weasel words.
Tourists in large coaches, motor homes, caravans, on the multiple blind corners on North Bruny ilsland Main Rd. Road safety hazard, rubbish dumping, don't contribute to the island businesses because are financially independent.

There are insufficient volunteers to support emergency services with increased services. The roads on North Bruny need the speed limits reduced.
Every time we use the roads on Nth Bruny we have dangerous encounters with other cars. Driving too fast, stopping in the middle of the road near blind corners. Driving in the middle. The community has asked prior to at least the past 2 summers for speed signs to show reduced speed, speed humps and shared road. We don't have any footpaths on North Bruny so people have to walk on the side of narrow roads – kids, dogs, walkers, elderly. A major accident is a real problem – e.g. a minibus going over at Bligh's corner – a real probability – it is too narrow to pass easily. Very difficult for emergency retrieval of people. It's only a matter of time before we have a death – cars go over the edge on a regular basis. We don't want a sealed road – just sensitive signage and work done to correct the deep gutters. To road on North Bruny (especially from the CWA Hall to the North) is very narrow with very deep gutters in places, blind corners and erosion near guide posts.
The rapid and significant expansion of fish farms that is current and projected will have significant light and noise detrimental impacts – which are already notable. These will have human health impacts on sleep and psychological well-being is not managed properly.
As a full-time resident I highly value the community services/support/emergency. Tourist levy to fund essential services.
Increased numbers of 'free campers' impacts on my personal safety and 'health' where this happens in public places.
The volunteer SES and Ambos do a fabulous job. The State Government needs to invest in paying for the countless hours volunteers put in, in some way.
Need consistency with the provision of medical services at the Health Centre. One doctor is insufficient with an ageing population and where's the continuity of care with the chopping and changing of the female doctors? Thankful to have Dr Fletcher who goes over and above the call of duty – ringing in his own time to check on patients and report test results.
There is no mental health support on the Island. This is ridiculous.
Tourist traffic on the roads has increased considerably with quite a lot of drivers (international) having very little road sense – i.e. driving on the wrong side.
We need 2x police officers on Bruny – certainly during holiday periods and eventually all year round. Traffic control is a main need (speed limits, drink driving etc).
I am concerned about BIHC as to whether it will continue to function at all in the future. It appears the recruitment of doctors willing to visit Bruny regularly is becoming a problem.
Strongly want to see a return of funding for proactive health and associated social activities. Want to see better preparation and training for bush fire risk and emergencies. Need to find ways to reduce risks from overseas and inexperienced drivers.
Asian drivers on our roads are a menace. Hire car operators when hiring a vehicle to a person without an Australian license should place a large T for tourist on the vehicle thereby giving other road users a better chance of avoiding the Asian driven hire cars.
I feel very safe on Bruny.
More emphasis on proactive health support to ageing population, must be considered essential.
Get the cop to deal with big speeding 4WD bogans.
I feel very safe on Bruny except for when I drive on the roads. Speed limit are too high for the state of the roads, volume of traffic ad experience, skill and lack of attention of drivers. We need more emergency services such as (paid!) ambulance drivers. It is getting too much for our (amazing!) volunteers. A female doctor would be very helpful for ladies.

Get somebody that can run the Health Centre properly instead of screwing the system down to nothing. Keep nurses there the same goes for doctors. Get the system back to what it used to be.
The medical centre is a fantastic resource for Bruny Island. The doctors have been great although it'd be nice if there was a bit more consistency and doctors could stay longer.
Health services provided on Bruny are better than those provided in some rural areas!
Too many visitors who are bad drivers.
Bruny needs a full-time doctor
Lack of driving skills of foreign tourists. Do not even understand giving way to emergency vehicles with sirens and flashing lights.
Tourism, road behaviours, traffic volume are all potential problems.
I believe our busy dirt roads particularly Lighthouse Rd are exceptionally dangerous and need improving.
Shocking driving by people in hire cars – often on wrong side of road. Stopping in middle of road to take photos etc. A Vet would be valuable and a female doctor.
Road speeds must be controlled better on gravel roads. Overseas 'licensed' drivers are a real and present danger on our narrow and winding gravel roads both in the North and the South.
Road safety is a concern – many overseas drivers are not aware of basic safety issues or understand Australian road rules.
I would like to see more doctors on Bruny practising on more days. Have not experienced any crime. Believe that ferry fee is deterrent for would be criminals. Leaving Island re: ferry would also be stressful. Could do with more police activity on 60km areas (speeding).
Like employment, options for health are limited due to population size. You accept this as part of choosing to live here. Most options are available off-island and emergency health services and provided.
Tourists need more education regarding driving on Bruny – they need to understand the road rules and how to be courteous to local drivers i.e pullover if they want to drive slowly.
A better organised health service delivery is needed.
I don't bother going to our medical centre – it is a waste of time with incompetent people running it.
The volunteer ambulance and emergency services are not sustainable given the already excess demand on them through tourists and the low number of volunteers. This will have negative impacts on the local population and is an irony given they run the service.
Full-time doctor would be excellent. Most dangerous situations on the road are with Asian tourists.
Lower speed limits in some of the built up areas e.g. Great Bay maybe even a permanent speed camera.
The Bruny Health Services of five year ago were way in advance of what exists now. Most crime on Bruny is done by seasonal infiltrators. Most visiting drivers do not know how to drive properly and do not understand safety concepts for themselves and others.
Danger on the roads is a constant issue and overseas drivers need to do a safety course before driving in Bruny.
Bike tracks are needed – the roads are unsafe for multiple use (run/ride etc)
Well, someone did steal [deleted identifies individual] - I consider this to be an anomaly. I was unable to lock my [home] for several months when I moved to Bruny and never felt unsafe.
I think the health centre is great – we have easy access to all the major services. As the number of visitors increases, I'm worried that the crime rate will rise. There is often bad, dangerous driving on the roads but I don't want the roads to change – just restrict the number of cars.

I would have liked Sujata Triviti stay on as doctor. She was very thorough and gained the respect of the community.
The health centre is an excellent facility and although there are some hiccups, I feel the community receives excellent support and care.
We need a second police officer based permanently on the island. Locals (with resident stickers) often pass tourists/slower driver on double white lines. Tourist drivers are often erratic in their driving which is very frustrating.
What do retired Islanders do that cannot look after themselves? We need to provide for these people!
Something needs to be done regarding foreign drivers. At least 3 times a week we are impacted by their poor driving skills. I find it amazing that foreigners can get a license on-line never having driven a car then hire a car at Hobart only to get in and drive in traffic – scary!
All the volunteers do an amazing job, they should be assisted by paid professionals as most incidents attended are visitors not locals involved.
The basis of my very positive feeling of well-being on Bruny is the quality of life afforded by the relatively low population of the island, the ability to live in close proximity to quite wild places and the quirky community life. All these are threatened by unsustainably high levels of tourism.
Too much reliance is placed on volunteer services especially for an ageing population – no rewards for participation, only personal satisfaction and community commitment.
Competency tests for all drivers in hire cars coming to Bruny.
The roads are unsafe. There is an idiot around every corner, tourists particularly Asians need to be better tested before they drive here. Tourists need to be given a pamphlet at the ferry explaining how to drive courteously and whether they are insured or not. We need a residents' lane at the ferry.
I've seen how everyone comes together and volunteers give so much time so am confident for not but I am very concerned about how volunteers drawn from the small permanent population can cope with increasing demands – attending car accidents, attending business fire alarms etc.
The Asians who hire a car have to be given lessons on how to drive on our roads – you don't stop in the middle of the road with no warning to take a photo!
Living on Bruny is significantly different to elsewhere – it is the tight knit close community – unlike elsewhere.
My main worry is the gravel road on North Bruny – the poor visibility around bends and treacherous edges.
Tourist drivers are dangerous to others and themselves. They can't handle gravel, go too slow and often stop in the most dangerous places.
The management and delivery of community health and aged care services is inadequate to meet the diverse needs of Bruny's residents and increasing number of visitors. See BICAL report and community health meeting 17/02/18.
We have a wonderful health centre however poor management and the toxic culture of TasHealth holds back a positive patient delivery. Huon ElderCare is not providing two doctors for 2 days per week. Why? What are they doing with the dollars for the 2 <sup>nd</sup> doctor?
Asian drivers are the biggest danger on our roads. They cannot drive and how the Government allows them to drive is beyond me. Their accidents take up our services i.e. police and medical and have ruined Australian tourist holidays. Towtruck operator is happy though!
Population of permanent residents on Bruny dictates level of health and other services and always will (i.e. the real world!)
With increasing volumes of visitors, road conditions, the impact on volunteer services will be tested.

Paid services over the Easter and holiday periods.
Literature and signage in foreign languages for driving on Bruny. Asian drivers are dangerous – ignorant and arrogant and possibly ill informed.
Would like permanent doctor.
Our health system has deteriorated and poor advocacy by staff. What happened to 24hour nurses who could treat islander and visitors? Everyone is too concerned for their own butt instead of the needy. This is still a safe community and well serviced by emergency services, police, SES, fire – but the roads are a nightmare – usually because of poor driving by tourists. Where are the pull-off areas for sightseers? Tassie needs a lesson from Victoria and SA on road building.
Driving on Lighthouse Rd is dangerous and anxiety inducing during tourist season (Sep-Easter). There is a desperate need for an increase in emergency services, rather than relying on volunteers. Feel 'unsafe' on the poorly maintained roads, not at home. Irresponsible for Bruny to be pushed as major destination without addressing basic issues.
Relying on volunteers for the ambulance service as visitor numbers swell, may not be viable for very much longer. These volunteers are few and lot are retired. No doctors on North Bruny Island and travelling on and off the island particularly in peak tourist times is slow and potentially a huge strain on some residents.
I am healthy and haven't had to rely on any services – the elderly especially in the North don't have a lot of access to health services except in an emergency.
Even though ferries running every half hour there are still people risking lives by overtaking dangerously and speeding out of control everytime you drive on them speed limit too high and always near misses with people on your side, cutting corners – scary.



Council needs to have accountability for the decisions made that adversely affect owners. For example if a block of land due to Council restrictions cannot be built on – within reason, the Council should make this public before allowing the block to be sold. This should then go to BIAC for further discussion between the Council employees responsible, the owners and BIAC/ community representation.
Same as elsewhere in Tasmania – speculation and Airbnb force up prices leading to lack of affordability and fewer rental opportunities. Cashed up superannuants force out locals not on a good wage. Bruny was a cheap place but it's not anymore.
The housing situation is dire everywhere
One issue now is accommodation for workers employed in the tourism industry as long term rentals are rare due to increase in Airbnb's
We are currently going through a very modest reno on our cottage and the Council regs are nothing short of ridiculous and the costs prohibitive. We were considering building on the mainland and our experience with Kingborough is so bad we have shelved the idea.
Kingborough Council is out of control. Unnecessary paperwork has cost us \$10,000 before we can even start. One small additional room for a bunkhouse and it has taken 6 months! Building documentation issued as a cash flow opportunity – otherwise obstruction and a brick wall.
If we wanted to employ staff we think it would be challenging for off-islanders to find accommodation.
F# is very hard to answer correctly. There is so much illegal buildings and businesses on the Island. But to go through the proper process is both cost prohibitive and takes so long and compliance is so difficult. So the people with illegal stuff operate with council knowledge, creating an unequal playing field and potentially massive legal costs.
Depending on what type of building – commercial or residential – regulations need to be more carefully considered – mostly in regard to overseas national investment. AirBnb affects rentals and rental prices, which makes it hard for recruiting and employing.
Although the impact of short-stay accommodation on Bruny has had a positive affect on my life (due to increased short-stay tourists coming in to the businesses at which we are employed, I am somewhat concerned that this has flowed on to limit long term rental opportunities for families who do wish to move here but are either not ready to or don't wish to buy property.
I'd love to purchase a nice piece of property over 50 acres and have my own little farm but with big business picking them all up the prices have risen a lot making it hard but it's a goal I'm going to work on!
We built a house for the main purpose of providing short term rental, but also as a holiday option for our own family.
Airbnb is a positive for the island. I'd argue if people are expecting to find public housing on the island it is unrealistic. Rental may be an issue if there is more employment but it's not clear from my observations/discussions this is a current problem.
Some members of Kingborough council are simply bullies! They take a long time and a lot of evidence to stop people building the wrong thing, and they torture people who pay them heaps of money do do the right thing ie, planning approval, maintaining the environment, building eco friendly, etc etc
Airbnb needs to be limited in Tasmania and beyond , it is contributing to A burdened housing crisis It needs a visionary approach With a residential housing focus .
There needs to be more control to stop investors buying up properties. There should be a limit.
Don't like the new modern and too large houses being built at Dennes Pt which spoil the atmosphere

of a shackie type place.
Level of regulation is adequate BUT the refusal of responsible authorities to enforce regulations and permit conditions is laughable. It appears that large tourism operators have no regard for permit conditions applied and that responsible authorities are prepared to turn a blind eye to blatant breaches of regulations and permit conditions.
I don't know enough about how difficult it is for a family moving to Bruny to find rental accommodation. However I DO know that it can't be as bad as trying to find rental accommodation in Hobart! I don't think house prices are too expensive and out-of-control on Bruny, compared to the mainland, by virtue of the fact that limited employment = limited demand for housing. And the ferry necessarily limits numbers. Which is a pain sometimes, but is also a great way of restricting too much growth.
More housing for aged care to allow residents to stay on the island.
Houses that are built right next to the beach, where does there sewerage go? Not much you can do about existing properties but there should be no more beachside builds, because of global warming and because of waste water, no one wants to swim in sewerage.
No
have some concern in the evidence of an increase in creation of small multiple/cluster of holiday rentals on small blocks in the middle of rural environments
MY partent and i had a difficult time trying to find accommodation in Bruny Island. We moved here in September 2017, we lived in a caravan for our first 4 months and then were lucky enough to find a rental property. Although the owners would like it to be returned for a month over the summer period. I am scared of the day that happens, as I am aware that most properties are only for short stay and Airbnb would make more money off tourist accommodation as opposed to housing is for 1 month. We will see when the time comes, but we really felt the lack of housing options when we first moved here.
Dealing with the kingborough council is depressing, demeaning, arduous and just an all 'round negative past time! It has a shocking track record for being difficult and they are certainly living up to their reputation!
In the two years we have owned property on Bruny we have seen only one advertisement for long term rental on Bruny (twelve months). We had wanted to rent on the Island while our house was being constructed, but there was nothing available except short term and Air B&B accommodation which was prohibitively expensive over the long term.
Airbnb is destroying the old composition of the island. Every place that now comes on the market is being bought and used as an Airbnb, taking them away from the possibility of being either rented or bought by locals, or bought and used as a shack. Both residents and shackies have a long term commitment to Bruny, that helps it remains special. But tourists come and go, and hav eno commitment.
Planning scheme rules are a bit over the top and then ridiculous in other examples
Shack AirBnB next door near full occupancy.
Short term accommodation has a negative impact on the rental markets but I feel like overnight guest are much more valuable than all the day tourists that are transported onto the island like kettle. At least guests who stay a couple of nights spend money on the island and in shops and on their accommodation.
There must be a balance between development and the conservation of natural resources.
It would be wonderful to think that new houses built on Bruny would have to conform to hight regulations and colour schemes that blended in to the bush and surrounds

Building regulation is an interesting question. There appears to be two answers to the question.... the first is that an overall strategy for Bruny development appears to be lacking and would be wise and I hope this is something that may come from this discussion.. so in that aspect - location, density and types of development would be wise, not just every person applying to subdivide their parents farm. The second aspect is the devastating slowness and red tape and endless surveys that appear to be required that prevent efficient building on Bruny. "Bruny is a basket case that we ignore" is a comment heard from some Kingborough council employees about planning regulation. This aspect frustrates people perpetuating the number and type of non regulation dwellings.
Due to property pricing increasing, land tax will increase.. Rates have gone up- some additional charge for guttering or something, but I haven't seen the benefit its probably for a tourist business. Most shacks are rented out on airbnb, but while that causes issues for long term renters, it also employs people to clean the airbnb. However I am worried as Kingborough council does not notify neighbours of impending building, you either have to be down there to see a notice on the fence or look at the newspaper, not like Hobart city council who advise neighbours
As land owners with plans and permits to build a cabin and a permanent dwelling (in the future) we found the level of stringency and red tape that surrounded our applications overwhelming! We are building a home for the first time on a property with no services other than the availability of electricity and we have found Kingborough Council quite difficult to deal with especially when speaking to different people. advice regarding necessary permits/plans/hazard management/waste management/water supply requirements/building codes and the processes involved have been confusing and onerous. Companies that we have engaged during this process from the mainland (and some local services that we have engaged) have consistently said "Good luck, Kingborough Council are notoriously difficult to deal with". Whilst this has made it a long process to get things moving for us as potential builders, we do see that this level of stringency could ultimately assist in the protection of the integrity of the Island. As visitors to the Island we have stayed in a variety of AirBNB accommodation, we have met great local residents, been informed of the local issues and attractions and have been able to stay in a beautiful place with limited accommodation and housing options. We would HATE to see hotels and apartment style accommodation, and large Estates being develop on the Island...this was what decimated Phillip Island in Victoria. We understand that long term rental accommodation is scarce on Bruny and this contributes to families/individuals not being able to live and work on the Island...is there a solution to this problem that doesn't result in the over development of the Island???
Bruny has always been a place that has a permanent population and a shack population. Rental housing has been unknown here. Now people who want to come here to work in tourist season are unable to find accommodation. The tourism businesses should all be providing accommodation for their seasonal staff just as farming communities provide basic accommodation for their seasonal workers such as shearers and fruit pickers.
I don't know much about building regulations.
Not many families move to Bruny. Transient workers struggle to find accommodation.
The planning system is crazy, the KC is fixated on process and has no vision or capacity to use planning to effect good outcomes. This chaotic situation will stress the island as the gentrification and business investment squeeze out the locals, albeit in the process some of who will make a small fortune. So some planning is required, but acceptance there are going to be enclaves, exclusive and poorer areas, to make Bruny Island functional as a society.
It can be challenging having a house that's rented out and arranging inspections, repairs etc from

afar, but it's my way of saving my property for a time I can return to live on Bruny. It is not always effective to use a property manager with a house which uses alternative systems!
Increase in house prices only benefits people who own multiple dwellings. For us with no intent to sell, rates go up and insurance premiums also go up.
For shack rental the rise of slick houses impacts my ability to rent my very average shack when i am not on bruny.
I understand it is very difficult to find accommodation on Bruny--Many homes are unoccupied for large segments of the year beings holiday homes- I myself am fortunate to have a very comfortable, well situated house-
Building regulations may be too regulated but probably there are people who are doing things that don't comply and they haven't got permission for. I don't like all the caravans that sit on blocks year after year.
No more shacks.
Not enough long term rentals available for workers and families, likely to become worse.
People can't find houses to rent because of short-term accommodation
Although I personally benefit from the growth of short-stay accommodation and rising property values it concerns me greatly that permanent residents are being priced out of the market - especially rentals.
Too many unregulated airbnb places often below standard
Prices rising for basic shacks that are not suitable for full time living - eg water supply and sewage disposal.
To afford housing would mean you need employment and full time employment, I think winter would be a hard time to find employment
As an owner builder, I know that Bruny house prices reflect that of Hobart, so the new home buyer would have an up hill battle to meet costs.
The planning system is certainly not designed to facilitate sensible decisions. Planning is essential but it seems to me that council processes are doing more harm than good. The processes are so flawed and frustrating that many people bypass regulations and take the chance with unapproved buildings because trying to do the right thing is so impossible. This is a lose lose situation.
Not that familiar with permanent occupation / housing there are a lot of vacant homes and investment seems to be in tourist accomodation.
Currently going through approval process for additions/renovation. A nightmare in terms of time taken and expense!
I am planning to build so will have a better idea of the answers when embark on the building project. I've certainly spent a lot on a bushfire rating study. I worry about the cost of housing and building everywhere - not just Bruny.
Ensure we have regulations to prevent too much business accommodation development, but not impact on people building basic shacks.
Tourism operators should be TICT accredited.
Wait times for planning approval unacceptable
Most places like Bruny Island that once they become popular holiday destinations the local working people are forced out of the market by more wealthy people buying holiday or Airbnb investment property. This leaves little opportunity for young people working and living on Bruny.
Prices are very high due to the suburban housing going up
More houses, more people, thumbs down.

Building regulations should consider aesthetic values and others vista.
Increased costs fo housing make for a good investment but change the community able to buy a shack.
AirBnb should have some form of regulation or registration to conform to. When the bubble bursts there will be abundant accommodation available for long term rentals!! It would be nice to have permanent neighbours rather than strangers for 1-2 nights.
The council is impossible to deal with compared with experience in other states.
There are no properties to rent on Bruny. They are all shackies and airbnb or lived in by residents. The rents are too high (\$280-350 per week) on an isolated island with few facilities and services. I ended up buying a bus parked it at the back of my work due to not being able to find housing on Bruny.
Too much red tape when planning to build
In relation to regulation for building on Bruny, I don't think it is different from anywhere else in Kingborough Council and nor should it. However, it is not appropriate that temporary housing whether it is a shipping container or permanently parked caravan should be treated differently from a dwelling if it is indeed being used as a dwelling. There has been recent increase in number of these in Apollo Bay which appear to be be unregulated. In addition, property owners should be held accountable for weed management. When I contacted Council to alert them of a significant outbreak of ragwort on a private property which is spreading into public reserve. In this situation the property owner should be served a notice/request for compliance. Regarding property prices, they do not seem to be stopping people from buying and building in our area so in terms of the peace and quiet for which we bought our place I would have to say there is a slight negative impact however I recognise things change and generally the building that has gone on has been respective of the subdivision requirements.
Housing grwoth should go hand in hand with improved services, schooling, infrastructure.
I do not believe there is a rental market on Bruny. You would need to know someone with a house to rent.
Gross shortage of housing
Increasing house and land prices driven by wealthy people moving here from interstate prohibiting locals from buying here.
We need a motel for visitors (e.g. a bus load). Come for a peek - stay for a week! Visitors need workers to care for them - a hostel? Boarding house? Somewhere where young bartenders, cooks, cleaners, baristas etc can stay SAFELY.
Current regulations are mixed. Design and visual impact is too lax. Bushfire regs too onerous and inflexible.
What are the pensioner units at Alonnah to be used for? The aged and infirm or drug-[expletive] idiots?
More commitment to the elderly housing and more commitment from government if the elderly would like to stay on Bruny.
Housing prices deny those with lower incomes to buy on Bruny. Due to fewer places to rent further restricts possibilities.
I am not affected by the cost of accommodation or its availability but appreciate these are major problems -they're principally caused by use of buildings for tourist accommodation.
No rentals; no where for workers to stay. No new workers; new businesses competing for static work force.
Council is impossible to deal with - over the top building requirements

Glad council has increased fire-protection regulations for new builds. Think council needs to be active in protecting the long-term survival of the things that attract new residents to Bruny Island not just increase regulations as generic thing. I know this response is a bit contradictory - a reflection of how I find council's 'balance' between regulation for the sake of it and appropriate regulation to protect environment/existing residents... There is now much more competition to attract guests to stay at our accommodation. But that's not all bad. We're not looking to sell.
The increase in caravans and containers is making our neighbourhood look like an impoverished ghetto.
It is unfortunate that building regulations do not include clauses about 'appropriate', 'tasteful', 'unobtrusive' and probably near impossible.
Council needs to apply regulations to all equally. Some businesses do not have to comply with regulations to possible danger of the community. Council too prescriptive in terms of housing regulations with no regards to water supply i.e. no tank requirements.
Short-stay accommodation has increased traffic
Bruny Battery Trial is a positive project for energy stability services on the Island. But water supply needs to be backed up with a new reservoir site.
The lack of rental housing has been impacted upon by tourist growth. To get young families on Bruny to work in the tourism industry we need to be able to provide affordable secure housing.
Airbnb has created grave shortfalls in the rental opportunities especially for long-term persons and workers on island wishing to work and stay.
It is a little hard for property prices to affect me, unless you are buying or selling a house. Generally, I feel house prices increases in excess of general inflation are undesirable.
Workers on Bruny have not been able to find rental as all the shacks have been renovated to become Airbnb, that have risen in Hobart 167% in last 18 months. We need to think of elderly citizens who want to stay, live and die on Bruny and have the help of a retirement village, aged care facility or similar. As regard to Airbnb, why not do what Canada (Vancouver) has just done by making it a law that renting out entire houses - as opposed to spare rooms - was banned.
Regulations - there are many, but have little effect and honoured more in the breach than observance, mainly because of a lack of enforcement. Affordable rental housing - what is available is mostly short term and of poor quality. Housing affordability is declining with the growth of investment housing and holiday accommodation.
Once I objected to the council valuation and they actually came and saw the house and it hasn't gone up in 12 years and the council owe me money. Council causes builders to spend exorbitant amounts to comply with their regulations.
Whilst I have benefited from Airbnb I understand it has reduced availability of housing to virtually nil.
As noted previously, access to and the cost of trades and materials on the island is inhibiting.
I think if people were looking to find long term housing on Bruny at this stage it would prove to be much more difficult as people seem to be taking advantage of the AirBNB prices - they are making much more money out of that business than renting long term.
I supplement my casual income by renting via Air BNB. I believe that some supported housing units on Bruny would be a good idea as real estate prices have indeed started to climb. A change in certain attitudes to land use is important in the future. ie allowing collective owning of farm land to allow several owners to work one area of land and live economically. I am against subdivision of farm land but am aware that collective ownership can encourage farm land to remain in relatively intensive use rather than be managed ( or not) in absentia. "White settler s"- ie the purchase of second homes and



absentee management can be very deleterious to a rural community.
The local real estate agents talk up the prices and possibilities of a quick sale. Advertised property prices are way above what valuations would suggest. Lots of properties remain for sale over extended times due to unrealistic expectations of vendors. Lower prices would increase sales and improve access to affordable housing.
Extremely difficult to find permanent rentals on island. Many co-workers are living in caravans etc as unable to find housing to rent long-term.
Compliance with regulations is the issue. Inadequate monitoring results in substandard structures and infrastructure.
I would like to see employers more responsible for accommodating their employees. Maybe a rent/wage package or subsidise the ferry fare.
Kingborough Council needs to pay more attention to what is going on.
There are some who still follow the old Bruny way and build what they like. The council seem to pay very little attention to Bruny.
Currently only 12 houses for sale on realestate.com...only 3 of these are under \$400,000 and one of them appears fire damaged. Compared with 44 properties on market approximately 2 years ago.
Full range of housing usually available by asking around, over time, but often people want/need to commute to town also.
It can be simple. New housing doesnt have to be macmansions.
The current housing shortage is normal (to be expected) given growth in tourism.
Regulate Airbnb!
Believe there should be housing and care for elderly pensioners who can no longer manage without help.
The major problem I an identify is affordable flexible accommodation for people coming to take up jobs on the island. Expensive and stressful to pay ferry fares and find stable accommodation when you aren't earning much in a casual job.
My parents live on Bruny so we are able to live part-time with them.
The companies who have large staff need to invest in quality affordable quarters not caravans added to a run down property. Happy staff - happy businesses - happy community.
I do have an Airbnb property but also rent a cabin long-term so feel that we help both. I realise that long-term rental is a problem but there is also a need for short term as tourists need somewhere to stay and the income is good.
Need more flats for rent.
Increased property prices has increased our rates. Trespassers of rental properties next door. Noise from tenanted properties.
Having had our house built 27 years ago by a Bruny Island builder using Bruny Island timber and work force, I do not have any idea of the current regulations!
It is too regulated from the point of view of testing regimes but on the other hand Council largely ignores objections from residents who know more local knowledge than the planners, some of whom are a waste of space - I have little confidence in the Council's planning department.
Short-stay accommodation has increased the number of visitors to the island and affects the ferry numbers.
More rental (long-term) for casual employees required. Airbnb has increased rental prices and created a shortfall.
As with other tourism destinations there is an impact on real estate values ultimately making it ore

difficult for people wishing to retire here.
Go back to Shackies Island or at least larger blocks and smaller houses.
No impact unless rates and taxes go up.
Bruny needs a hostel.
Over-regulation for building is a major issue for many. Not being able to build a shed first before one builds a house is a problem for me and many I've spoken with. Excessive and costly Council fees, regulations and charges are an issue
Housing is expensive.
Council regulations are ridiculous. Bruny is remote settlement/rural - not urban and should be looked after that way.
The Council is the most adversarial Council I have encountered and Council or any elected body is supposed to assist not hinder its constituents. Dictatorial.
Too many caravans and containers.
I am concerned at how difficult it is to get tradespeople to come onto the island to 'fix' something. I wonder if the ferry cost/time (especially if caught in the queue) puts them off - if there's an unexpected delay they'll either charge a huge amount to cover their wasted time, or just not bother to come as my neighbour found who has wasted several months over summer to get her heat pump fixed (and is still waiting!).
The planning laws are ridiculous and add no value to the community. If you buy a building block in a settlement such as Apollo Bay then you should be able to build providing it complies with the zoning, without overly complicated DAs requiring very expensive consultants. It's a drain on productivity and pushes up the cost of building without actually contributing to quality. It's no wonder that so many people seek to get around the planning laws and build illegally. It basically penalises good people. So if you buy a building block you should be able to build a house - or don't call it a building block.
Regulations at Apollo Bay are now extremely onerous and expensive to comply
There is a real opportunity to invest in long term rental accommodation on the island
I have no idea about F2
If foreign investment continues on Bruny as it is elsewhere in Tasmania then there will be a disproportionate cost increase in properties. At the moment mainlanders and overseas buyers see Bruny as an absolute steal re prices
Affordability is a problem for people who live and work on the island
Some prices are ridiculously high, but I am seeing it through the lens of a place where all 'houses' were shacks (99%) and not something more suited to the 'Hamptons'.
See Biosphere/region recommendation.
Owner/Occupier should be allowed minor retail in rural zone. This is already circumvented by the rich few. More cottage industry retail allowed from home.
AirBnB is destroying the community in the way there is no opportunity for renters and we just get 'blow throughs'.
I've built a place here and have seen both sides – on one hand the stupidly conceived, petty detail – much over regulated. And then, for example, the Council giving building permission for monstrosities of dwellings for example, perhaps, in areas of scenic beauty. I feel the laxity of Council is in the planning stage, mainly, and the nit picking come in during the building procedure. [deleted identifies individual].
I would like to see the removal of scruffy old caravans sitting vacant! With regard to F3 – it seems regulations are not applied evenly and Kingborough Council seem to vary regulations at will.

Large new caravan park has just 'happened' at Great Bay with no community consultation or input. Also some large new houses have been built on very small blocks – seem to be inconsistent application of regulations.
Many 'shacks' close by are now AirBnB. We also have a separate building as a BnB. – more traffic and more people around generally.
Too many Council regulations in housing building approval process.
Develop North Bruny with ferries and golf course and infrastructure. But leave the south as it is.
Kingborough Council can be very dictatorial. Also not fair and even with their directions (i.e. one rule for some).
New dwellings and older ones being renovated must comply with building codes etc
Eco designs and appropriate setbacks should be emphasised
We already own here but rates reflect higher prices.
Through a range of variables South Bruny has a textbook case of artificial inflation.
It is very important to maintain the local character of each settlement on the island and Council should be careful in permitting approvals in foreshore areas that will in time be subject to sea level rise.
I believe allowing 'McMansions' to be built in seaside locations destroys the ambience of what are small hamlets.
My house was built without problems. Housing on Bruny affordable, prices low for both homes and land. My partner and I run a B&B for nearly half the year. Enables us to take 2-3 month holiday on mainland. No fears leaving house closed up for the duration. Not a good market if wishing to sell because prices are so low on Bruny (Good reason to stay on Bruny indefinitely).
People need to be more independent and realistic. We have provided our own water, sewerage and electricity and a house we built to suit our needs rather than hoping someone else would provide it.
More housing subdivisions are needed to cope with the growth. Adventure Bay needs it as there are no properties for sale or land.
A star rating could be given for houses being sold or rented out re: energy efficiency – floor insulation, wall insulation, ceiling, glazing etc.
The level of building regulation is about right. However it is the cost of complying that is totally unreasonable. A one-stop engineering check of the plans before construction starts should be the end of all the engineer's certificates and permits. \$5000 to Council should be the only fee charge. Even the Council would make a profit. There are too many hands in a home owner's pockets.
I do not think there is enough housing for workers coming to Bruny as everyone who can rent out a property opt for visitor accommodation because they make more money from visitor rates for accommodation.
Supported Council based accommodation for elderly/disadvantaged needs upgrading and clear management.
People can find housing, but it may take time to find a place to rent – possibly months. Easier to buy – market is very active. Short-term accommodation businesses are very lucrative.
I think building regulations are necessary but it seems that Kingborough Council have so many regulations that people just don't go through Council. Air BnB is used in our neighbouring house – this is not too bad, but it does cause a problem with our dog, which is stressful for us. I like to know who is living around me.
Short-stay versus long term rentals is a case of supply and demand. If someone can secure a long term rental all year and would earn more than short-stay for only part of the year then they would do

it. And vice-versa.
With regard to question F3, the problem is not with the regulations, but the monitoring and enforcement. It's part of a general problem, there are good planning laws and regulations on the books that could at least mitigate the problems with infrastructure, provision of toilets at tourist facilities etc, but those regulations are not enforced by Council because they have no staff to do so.
Air BNB makes it hard to find a direct rental, or affordable.
Kingborough Council are a nightmare to deal with – we should be autonomous. Building is expensive because they make it so.
We now pay exorbitant council rates as the value of surrounding properties sell for high prices push up the nominal value of our bush block (with no water, sewerage or electricity connections). The higher costs of owning property on Bruny is actively encouraging shack owners and permanent residents to use their property as short-term rentals (I believe) which is adding to the increased number of visitors.
I own 50 acres of isolated land and am unaffected by current valuation other than my land tax.
Enough houses/camping areas on Bruny now and more sub-divisions planned (at Alonnah) – too many people.
Cashed up interstate and mainland buyers are purchasing land and 'shacks' for AirBNBs – denial of long term rentals for locals and potential 'long term' employees and young families. Local and State Governments are ignoring blatant non-compliance of breaches of public health and safety by some well know tourism operators e.g. insufficient toilets, waste management, overflowing toilets and excessive consumption of finite and limited local water supplies.
This Island has mostly a generational culture re: shack housing. The [unreadable] to renting out long term is not attractive to most property owners. The tourism operators should provide housing for their staff if they come from off island.
Endeavour Rd and Lorkins Rd were built for residents but since the water supply has been put at the end of Lorkins Rd and short stay accommodation and businesses are booming we can have water trucks all day long and nights as well. Our house, guttering, patio get covered with dust and cannot open any windows on the road side. With tank water the dust in the gutters is concerning, plus trucks from 4.30am to 11.00pm at times.
Little or none exists (permanent for rent)
More little houses for the aged or similar places for them
Every unoccupied home on Bruny (if liveable) should attract a tax that goes into a pot to subsidise good things – milk the Chinese investors!
Anyone moving to Bruny should first look at the costs and availability before moving. Growing accommodation/AirBNB is a rort, unregulated, everyone trying to let out rooms, back sheds (renovated) – how does this help? Businesses set up to look after these properties are unregulated and are ripping tourists off. Housing is available, lots of places empty and deteriorating. Needs to have an audit of available rental/sale properties.
Long-term accommodation is very poor or non-existent which makes it almost impossible for more long-term residents to move to Bruny, leading to transient population and economy. Building is over-complicated and too restricted by Council. If my current tenancy agreement is not renewed then myself and my partner will have to move off the island [deleted identifies individual]. Why do property investors only want short-term tenants? The cost of utilities, firewood and cleaning must add up! Land prices have increased on Bruny but no positive change has followed, only more visitors and congestion.

Possibly, like other tourist centres, the proliferation of AirBnb and short-term stays has taken valuable housing off the market for the rental market.

We are not personally impacted by housing prices but to attract people to live and work on Bruny Island reasonably priced housing to rent is especially important. Short-stay and AirBnB may have dented this market.

The disparate groups tend to make their own decisions, at times claiming to represent all Bruny Islanders. There needs to be a one stop shop and a go-to-site as the 'official' decision / data register.
Bruny Island Community Association nearly defunct. BIAC works well with Council and State Govt. Needs to meet more often to maintain continuity and deal with issues.
Whilst Islanders think we are 'special', Council and State Government continue to treat us like [expletive] and take no notice or action that Islanders deem necessary because they don't have to. Our rate base is so small, visitors will come whether there is infrastructure or not.
Continue with surveys as this!
There's great love and concern for the Island which is pretty well universal but a unity of purpose towards decisions often eludes us – it seems to me that the situation has become more chaotic with the arrival of permanent residents like me, many of them retirees with time on their hands and successful careers behind them, many of them intelligent and with fresh ideas and attitudes, yet focused on their idea of Bruny as quiet, safe and healthy (un-spoilt??) haven – but the place is changing around us – we really need unity of purpose and one single body to address problems and deliver concerns effectively to Government.
Too many small groups which need to communicate better to those who aren't in them. It is not clear whether decisions are based on facts or opinions. The impression is one of lack of cohesion. Social media prevents face-to-face interaction and kills off positive/productive communication. Many islanders do not appear to understand which group best represents their interests, therefore there is a lack of participation in meetings. There is the misconception that meetings are non-productive because there is a lack of confidence in being heard by the authorities.
I think people need to be better educated and informed in relation to tourism and development.
A local community vote could help decision-making.
Bruny lacks an efficient, concerted approach to decision-making.
I see it like this... There are a few people/ groups that have there own agendas for Bruny Island and are not interested in being a voice for Bruny as a whole. Some of the decisions that have been made for our little Island are in my opinion disgraceful and an embarrassment.
There are too many groups involved in decision-making and there is no clarity on respective roles with many topics overlapping various groups. A new governance model is desperately needed as community decision making must be effective into the future and especially given the increasingly complex issues the community is facing given the rapid change underway.
There are bullies in our local associations that don't like change and seem to think that "young people" aren't interested because we can't attend or are put off attending because of these people. Most people here are working weekends when the meetings are on. Maybe there could be a whole new association created with after hours meetings for "young and uninterested" people to attend.
BICA think that they speak for everyone and their views and opinions are not negotiable.
Important to establish ways and methods to keep residents informed and up to date on things affecting the island via multiple sources, i.e. Bruny News, internet and emails etc, and also a clear and demonstrated pathway that residents can express any concerns and involvement
Nobody has asked my opinion before announcing "the view of residents"?? None of these views are mine
I am not actively involved in any committees or decision making groups but I am satisfied that the opportunities are there for those who want to become involved and there is access to information on social media as well as directly from locals who have lived on Bruny for some time and know the



issues well.
Efforts are made to communicate with decision makers in government but it seems to have no effect.
A shared vision would take time and effort and may be ultimately not possible. There'll not be consensus among 800 residents, each with their individual and ever changing perspective. But I feel consideration of vision is important anyway - with focus being with the young. In parallel, older folk should have their immediate term needs addressed, as an effort distinct from finding vision.
Please provide the opportunity for part time residents, or as you prefer to call us 'shackies' to have meetings at weekends when we are on the island more often.
BIAC and BICA are both positive organisations. It was a loss to the island when we were amalgamated with Kingborough, but perhaps "economies of scale" had a powerful influence on that change. As a one-time member of the old Bruny Council, I thought that the island was well served with that level of local government. And the Community Association (BICTA) served as a foil for our council even then.
There should be more communication with the community instead of a few making the decision but been like that for years and wont change now.
This survey a fine example of an active association that engages its community. I had a look at those involved in this initiative and was really pleased with the diversity of types and backgrounds. I feel the community is well represented. We haven't lived in Bruny for very long, but look forward to making connections in order to better assist with the decisions as to what Bruny needs.
Local associations represent the views of their members, not the whole island. Some locals can't seem to understand that concept. Council and State Government don't really care what locals think, that's fairly obvious from their lack of consultation regarding the imposition of mass tourism on Bruny, with even more to come. They are trying to make life difficult for locals and hope we'll go away.
I think some of the associations are stacked with loud-mouthed blow-ins, that push their agendas but they do not represent the majority of local opinion! And people are over it. Especially when they lie about the number of roadkills i.e. penguins to push their agenda.
Usually the same people representing Bruny with unrealistic views e.g. 'no salmon farming' or 'tourists have negative impact on Bruny'. We don't all think like this.
Local Associations represent the views of the minority of Bruny Islanders
Decisions are made by a few people without the community knowing
One suspects that some people have come to the island as a sort of utopia in which they have become champions of the good and the right, holding the walls against bogans, red necks and others gripped in false consciousness. They are essentially anti democratic wishing to preserve their personal choices and their worldview (not in itself a problem) whether or not this is to the detriment of others. Such persons have come to dominate associations [deleted], whose only clear capacity is to foster bicker. Older people may feel insecure, and most people these days feel alienated from government. The solutions do not come from fear mongering and special privilege; they are the source of insecurity and alienation. Interesting that otherwise 'progressive' people want the ferry company to act like Bruny Island Border Force.
There will have to be regional groups as there is so much diversity across the island.
Surveys and getting views from a wider demographic is important to assess views of all residents and land owners.
Using an adjusted Delphi-management decision processing technique may prove beneficial towards a keyed KPI and process decision management ideology. In essence people who are able to make a decision about one subject matter may not be so capable with another.

Council want control without responsibility. Besides the neck upgrade I am not aware of much State government interest.
Let's face it, current comment appears to be from dysfunctional old hippies via local media which has no effect on local Council let alone State and Federal Government. We have a Mayor that went on record saying portaloos would not be a good look for tourism - but tourists defecating behind a bus is obviously a good look to him? This is the type of dumb mindset someone needs to take on. A Professional body needs to be providing a concerted Bruny Island statement to all levels of Government and the media in general rather than ad hoc, self interested and unprofessional statements that abound at present. Please do something about it if nothing else - a professional, informed, creditable voice is required for all things Bruny.
Until this survey the decisions have come from skewed groups not necessarily representing the whole community.
Local Council and State Government seem to have little or no regard for the maintenance of the quiet enjoyment of life on Bruny. They seem to be hell bent on allowing development both private and corporate, disregarding planning regulations, water consumption and the environment.
I think the Island is seen as an opportunity for tourism dollars and nothing else. Long term concern and vision has been non-existent.
Still a North/South divide on distribution of services.
Too many personal interest groups.
Should be community focused.
Most decisions seem to be made in favour of the commercial operators who have little or no concern for the environment, the lack of infrastructure, or the local residents.
Majority of residents should meet to discuss issues more regularly such as recent meeting regarding the health centre. The majority should vote for their choice of representatives to speak on their behalf.
Left outside committees some results can be achieved but there are more plans than the entire island population has had feeds.
Should be left to the locals
The "shared vision" and "plan for the future" should be made available to property owners and those thinking of buying property on Bruny so they know ahead of purchase what they are agreeing to. I don't have a good sense of how decisions affecting Bruny are currently made. Perhaps Council could make a contribution in the Bruny Island News about this topic and impending decisions so we get a better idea. Or council could promote their website or other resource(s) of where the public should go to find out about decisions affecting Bruny.
I think the state government promotes tourism without much thought to local impacts. They just want tourist dollars and only deal with the problems (e.g. long ferry queues) when these make headlines.
Locals need MORE consultation - views respected.
Lack of long term planning especially regarding visitor numbers - passenger ferry and a bus service - less cars.
I have been very involved - BIAC, BISHAC, CWA, Health Advisory, BICA, BIPIG, Boat Club - we all have a voice and make our wants known.
There seems to be three areas of opinions on Bruny - North Bruny, Alonnah area and Adventure Bay. Until it can be one community and all communities accept we are all united by the Island to be a united opinion.

Council seems to do its own thing irrespective of island's wishes. Do expensive exercises e.g. All the community meetings re: rubbish disposal then did their own thing. Appears to be a lack of future planning for the whole state.
All important decisions about Bruny are not made on Bruny, but are dealt with by Kingborough and Brunyites have limited capacity to influence decisions, particularly as KC does not get much finance from BI.
The community seems to not be being heard. It's as though this little place is being trampled in the quest for big players in the industry and government to make mileage out of it. Sacrificial lamb!
Decision making behind closed doors to facilitate developers and tourist enterprises give little regard to infrastructure and facilities required on Bruny. Anybody with rental properties should be required to provide additional tanks.
A [shared vision is important] as much as you can with the mix of goals etc. Groups such as BICA are great - active and intelligent and good listeners. Bruny News is a fabulous fundraiser for using in support of BI Projects. [Deleted identified individual]. I know the health funding/classification is Federal but state also involved through Tas Health Service nurses and carers in future?
Both state and local government are influenced by money - therefore decisions are made generally without consideration of impact on the natural environment. We need less subdivisions and limit on tourist numbers. Also it appears that rules are bent if you happen to own a large tourism operation!
Be careful of what you wish for. Any decision may alter the status quo and thereby alter the factors that made the island so attractive in the first place.
Loudest voices have the most impact. Local associations don't represent everyone. There are no elected representatives.
Decisions are made without the full support of the community.
I feel that [local decision-making] is controlled by a closed group of residents.
This survey is a good start!
As always further supports/encouragements for citizen participation would of great benefit.
State Government agencies and to a lesser extent Council do not take much notice of what locals think.
A shared vision is important, but a single action plan to realise it would certainly fail.
Being new to the island, I haven't had anything to do with the local decision making. I feel that life on the island is very unique and it is very important that the residents have a strong influence on the decisions of the future of the island.
Council and Government don't listen.
We have a chance to own the uniqueness of this island and make a stand on how we wish the community to remain diverse and inclusive of all ages and incomes. To value and set in place protective measures and levies for our land and marine environment. To innovate - ie the off grid project. Why don't we demand a "green" ferry
Given the restrictions of living on an island I don't think the council really responds to the residents need for reliable access on and off the island- residents should be given priority AND THE NUMBER OF VISITING VEHICLES RESTRICTED. There is little help with fresh water supplies in times of need and the rubbish tip hours are quite ridiculous for working people. there
I don't have a lot of information or experience to go by in answering this set of questions.
The island has about 600 permanent residences. Compared to thousands in Kingborough and 100's of thousands statewide. Our vote and issues are of no concern to Kingborough councillors or the

State Government. BICA is run from the south of the island and has no interest or concerns with the north. Bruny Island should have a shared vision but as per question 1, the north / south divide will ensure this never happens.
Our experience with Council building a guard rail and speed limits and increase in tourism traffic and fish farm expansion at or near Rat Bay highlights that we ultimately have little control over what at times are ridiculous decisions
Special interest groups are very vocal and full of their self-importance and may not represent the views of everyone who lives on Bruny Island.
Experience has been a need for constant and repeated battering to have the issues raised by locals taken as genuine concerns by Council and State Govt. A lot of responsibility on local volunteer committee leaders (few in numbers).
In an ideal world all Bruny Islanders and residents would like the same outcome for Bruny but that's never going to happen.
My interpretation is that there is no local decision making.
BICA is a 'cosy' little closed shop [deleted identified individual]. Very unwelcoming to new people, who are made to feel like outsiders. Meetings are a shambles.
BICA just run their own agenda. They [deleted] which unsettle the community, particularly the elderly. I despair that a few self-appointed locals speak for all of us. It is impossible to reason with these people or to perhaps offer an alternative view.
The presence of one or two entitled and manipulative sociopaths in the mix prevents what would otherwise be a higher level of satisfaction with local associations.
Compared with other communities in Tasmania and elsewhere in Australia, the Bruny community is well-engaged in decision-making
Although I am thankful and admire the time and passion that some locals give to associations and community groups on the island I am not confident they have the skills, knowledge and expertise required to persuade relevant authorities or to represent islanders effectively.
More training for community leaders. Too much divide and conquer approach from BICA.
New comers to the Island involved on committees and give Bruny Island a negative vibe. Never been so bad.
There is no way all of Bruny will agree on a shared vision
It is probably one of the best I have lived in.
Bruny needs as a minimum a councilor on the local council - as in a separate ward.
More community involvement with decision-making that affects the island community.
Based on past experience we feel that the voice of Bruny Island isn't heard in Council or State Government unless you are a main player/stakeholder on the island.
We were better provided for when we had our OWN Council and didn't have to rely on people in Kingston who have no knowledge of life on Bruny.
We have had surveys like this in the past that have changed nothing. A group at North Bruny has a rather arrogant assumption that they can decide what is good for Great Bay. Decisions should be for the whole island, not just north or south.
Council, [State] Government and Federal Government do not care about the people on this island.
I don't like the way the island is divided into north and south and think decisions and funding should be for the whole island and no preferential treatment for groups with special access to decision makers.

The 'silent majority' prefer to live quietly in the background and hence the more 'progressive' residents, invariably 'newbies', tend to dominate discussions etc regarding decisions.
Join your community.
Too many small groups pushing their own agenda. These views do not represent the community.
Stop with feasibility studies and sub-committees and actually make decisions.
Local decision-making via advisory and consultative bodies not translate into binding directions to government bodies
The self-appointed 'say no to everything' brigade do NOT represent mainstream Bruny
I hate [people using the expression] 'the people of Bruny think' when it is actually 'my opinion'. Once local government mind is made up, that's it. Not enough votes for State Government.
Transition to more 'direct democratic' and community consultation options and strategies are important.
Tendency toward business interests - conservative representation
A small part of the population seem to impose their views as the only views and wider community is not taken into account.
Local associations only represent their own personal views in most situations (e.g. BICA, FONB, FOAB).
I do not envy the Bruny committees having to deal with Council and Government authorities. I have not lived here permanently very long. I see many committees formed really having to struggle to be heard.
Council are not suited to run the Island - too urbanised to suit a rural/semi-rural population. Totally inappropriate to the requirements of Island life.
Those that don't involve themselves in the community are therefore not attend meetings should not complain. If we don't have a say and try for the things we want, nothing will change.
Neck carpark is case in point. No foresight what so ever!
I haven't lived here long enough to have personal experience of the above.
There are always going to be differences in views but I think the community needs to agree upon a 'big picture'. Surely there's never been a better time let alone more resources and knowledge and motivation to combine progress with sustainability (= liveability).
The vision and the plan are only of value if forward actions that flow are effective.
The decisions are made over the head of the islanders - one sided
Too many small groups pushing their own agenda. The island is too small for so many groups.
Concerned that not all groups are working together for the common good. Some issues are personality driven.
Some people who choose to live on Bruny expect to have ALL the urban facilities made available to them. They live on an Island!
Item G5 [shared vision and plan] is very important, the people living on the island are more familiar with any local problems than someone sitting in an office off the island.
A shared vision could exclude the capacity for future planning to harmoniously include diverse opinions.
I do not current feel adequately engaged to provide informed comment.
The State Government has decreed that our local associations have to go through highly political local councils in order to send their concerns to State Government
It's hard to know what Council thinks.
Have approached State Growth with FONB recommendations for reduced speed etc....'No appetite for

change' was the response. Now we have to go to Council and they to State Growth. State Government abrogation again! See [related] recommendation [for a] Biosphere.
Our local residents groups are doing what they can. It's the next tiers of government – Council and then State that do nothing when problems are clearly put to them – e.g the speed signs, the lack of public toilets. All three groups (BICA, BIEN and BIAC) have said that their first priority now is to work towards a biosphere for Bruny. This is not reflected in this survey. Why not?
The community do care – many regions don't have any voice.
Previous "community consultation" has been ignored e.g. "penguins and Neck development. The Liberal Government is farcical in their interpretation of community consultation.
The State Government is only interested in increasing tourism and is not putting money back into infrastructure.
As a young man I feel like I would not be welcomed into decision making organisations and I feel my views may be considered out of step with a 'norm' for Bruny.
Community groups seem to make decisions which are often not the views of the larger population of Bruny Islanders.
Local associations try hard to represent the views of Bruny Island resident, but many people do not participate at all. The formation of new groups claiming to represent an even smaller part of the Island is not helpful.
As an isolated community we are very disappointed in the decision to end funding for pro-active health programs.
No community will ever have a shared vision for the future. It is essential that plans acknowledge this and the need to leave room for people to tread their own paths.
Too often decisions are made by State Government and Local Government before development applications are lodged with Council. Input from affected property owners is a waste of time, with approval being granted with permit conditions which are never intended to be complied with as Council refuses to enforce the same. [Deleted, identifies individual]. Kingborough Council has a record for not looking after local interests.
Island community associations appear to have some influence on Council decisions. Council should adhere to promises it makes. The requirements of rural communities often ignored by Council in preference to urban developments and community facilities.
Having lived year nearly 40 years and sat on many organisations and committees the current situation saddens me – but I must say [there have been] cycles at least 6 times in those years. A loud, pushy group move in, buy a place to call home and immediately try and change a sleepy little island, with lots of residents (long-term), into the place they just left. Doesn't surprise [that] State and local government get touchy when they constantly get berated.
I bit of common sense wouldn't go astray when it comes to decisions made about our roads and waste management versus number of visitors. I think politicians need to listen to locals on issues directly affecting local and tourists alike on a daily basis.
Bruny Notices/BICA etc are excellent ways for Bruny residents to have a say. I just hope that Council and above can hear and will act upon the concerns currently being made.
Again, vocal minority wants say yet won't get involved in grassroots. BICA do not represent wider community.
The island community MUST formulate a broad vision and plan for the whole island. Various strategic plans for aspects of community life MUST support an overall strategic plan or vision. Such an example



might be to develop the concept of Biosphere or Bioregion for Bruny Island.
Council does not appear to listen to community voices.
Decisions are made by people who have not spent much time on Bruny Island and want to change things how they want it to be.
There is a group of older residents who don't wish for any changes or development and are quite vocal in their objection. I trust that Bruny will not succumb to a typical tourist town because what makes it charming and attractive now is the way it is with minimum development only.
I'm not sure how decisions are made on behalf of Bruny.
I often feel that I would like to disassociate myself with the views of local decision making groups – that they don't reflect my views or those of many in the community. However, I don't wish to join these groups as I don't want to inflict my views on others – who has the right?
Not very good.
Kingborough Council, State and Federal Governments only listen to 'go ahead' tourist operators. The pretend to listen to BICA etc but it's just a pretence for the media.
Without a ward system, it is possible that all councillor positions are urbanites without any understanding of life outside the city. They should be required to live in the outer communities, at least part-time.
Until now when community opinions have been sought the decision makers do not follow through. I hope this time will be different.
I should not be negative as I am not available to sit on associations. But I do feel a minority of people who take these positions focus on negative issues and this has an effect of making some people (particularly the vulnerable/elderly) anxious about the island and its services.
I feel there is a real mentality of "I want things to remain just as they were when I first experienced Bruny". I do not think this view is fair or realistic – merely self-serving. This is not the way forward for Bruny Island or a co-operative humanity. I might feel differently if I were more involved in the community.
A few older people representing the whole of Bruny are, or seem to be, against change.
Up to now I haven't taken an active part in local decision making as don't really believe our voices are heard. However, I now feel that I must be active as it's the only way I can 'try' and save Bruny from being ruined.
I think it's a small minority having their opinions heard through current active associations, but I'm not attending meetings so I have no-one to blame but myself. Bruny is a diverse community, it would be nice to have a shared vision but I think it's a bit of a pipe dream.
There are people who want no change and others who realise there needs to be change. We need to find a shared vision in between no change and change for change's sake.
Sometimes ideas/suggestions I see in the Bruny News/newspaper/petitions I don't agree with but I am not prepared to join a committee at the moment so I really can't complain.
There should be more transparency and openness about decision making.
I've been to enough BICA and BIEN meetings to know that the views of Bruny residents count for nothing when the decisions about Bruny development and infrastructure are made in Council or State Government. The residents have been surveyed many times before, always say the pace of development is unsustainably rapid, visitors numbers rising too rapidly, but these views have been ignored. The results of this survey will most likely suffer a similar fate.
If you don't participate, don't argue.

We need our own Council and less infighting between action groups. A survey like this every year and actual action taken on the people's wishes.
Ideally the main groups – BIAC, BICA, BIEN and the many smaller interest groups could all listen to each other more and compromise a bit so we could have a more unified voice to council and state government rather than lobbying against each other.
Rate charges – 'stormwater' are wrong. No stormwater management where I live – no Council works done.
As a member of BICA I believe that decisions are made positively and to the advantage of Bruny residents.
I would like to be more informed about important decisions pending.
Decisions seem pro-tourist, rather than pro-resident.
There are a number of community organisations on Bruny where residents can raise their opinions, but more often negative opinions are voiced on social media where personal abuse seem to proliferate. It is not constructive and is often defamatory. Bruny News is another medium. BIAC is a creature of Kingborough Council. It is not a community organisation.
Essentially Governments are not planning [for] the tourist influx to Bruny. Little consideration or respect is given to the community that makes Bruny special. The landscape is not [the] pivotal ingredient of Bruny. The people, their way of life, is the inner landscape of Bruny. We are the people that matter, tourism is good for government revenue, however we are being disregarded. [Council] simply see us as a low yield income base. [State Government] re: the Neck Lookout carpark – our conversations re: valid issues are seen as a few greenie whingers.
Self-interest to our detriment.
Many members of current community organisations are relative newcomers to this community and seem to have unrealistic expectations and lack understanding of life in an Island community.
It's clear Kingborough Council don't have Bruny Islanders interest at a satisfactory level – townie mentality.
Just look at the new parking at the Neck. The photo shot most taken on whole Bruny now contains a parking lot! A tiny bit of lateral thinking would have lead to a parking lot to the North of the lookout, removal of existing stairs, access from the back and an unspoiled view.
Bruny community will never have a shared vision and plan, except in some "spokespersons" mind. Bruny breeds individuality. The Buddha said "there are as many ways as there are people".
Can everyone share same vision?
There seems to be plenty of meetings and lot of talking, but nothing seems to alter the situations.
With the huge increase in revenue from all the tourists, R&BI stickers (ratepayers) should be getting ferry fee at reduced rate.
BICA's action against the salmon farms have caused me to lose faith in their function as a community group. Outspoken tourism operators have their own agenda that does not coincide with the general population – new balance.
[Deleted, identifies individual], I find BICA and BIAC reject community and business inclusiveness.
Hopefully with the unification of different groups re: fish farms, there may be collaborative local representation. I don't think Council has Bruny Island very high on their list of essential services or recreational areas.
Recently the importance of joining together has drawn previously disparate groups. This is an important experience for everyone.

Overall a decision has to be made regarding "What do you want Bruny to be?"

There should be a review of what the Council rates are supposed to cover and if there is value for money. Eg curbs, drainage, waste, etc
Holiday-makers routinely dump bags of domestic waste in a driveway to vacant lots close to our place of residence. I believe there should be either better public messaging on waste management expectations.
I'm dissatisfied with mobile access on South Bruny and even along the main road from the ferry down.
Need footpaths especially in Alonnah. Could do with a telecom tower on Mt Mangana. Need to provide more drinking water - seal the Alonnah-Lunawanna Rd and fix forestry/parks roads.
Once again, with an increase in tourism rubbish is an issue. We need to employ people to collect and deal with this. Encourage recycling at every collection point!
Public toilets and waste disposal are now a big issue now that there are so many tourists coming to Bruny.
We go off island for essential services.
Rubbish bins needed in public places. Cigarette disposal units.
Better waste management and toilet facilities will enable better environmental practices and less impact on Bruny. It will also provide relief to the great unrest which exists among locals on this very subject. These facilities (although they are VERY slowly being improved) need to be a number one and urgent priority. Better walking / bike paths will encourage more health and fitness opportunities and encourage preventative health in a safe manner (less chance of being bowled over by those watching the beautiful views rather than the road).
I'd like to see toilets with a lot better signage those little blue signs are not very visual to our visitors and the toilets don't exactly stand out
Would be good to see recycling options.
Foot paths and bike tracks are needed in great bay as there are a lot lot of children living in the area and its a safety issue not only for children but adults as well, footpaths and bike tracks also promote exercise which inturn leads to a healthier happier community
We need more bins, free waste management (I think we pay for it in our rates anyway) more toilets
Footpaths/bikepaths around the school/shop/health centre/oval would really enhance this area and make it more safe to walk/bike. I think that would be an asset for Alonnah.
Caravans with toilets that need emptying are a problem I believe - perhaps more "dumping" stations could be installed but NOT in sensitive areas! Perhaps extra tariff for self-contained accommodation vehicles?? Not 100% informed of the issues, so not sure what possible solutions are!!
More toilets required. More control over people camping roadside and jetty side in mobile homes.
It would be good to have some formed bush tracks in Dennes point
Water supply reported as satisfactory only due to rainwater collection. Supply of water is under threat due to overuse of underground water supply in Adventure Bay. Provision of alternative sources of water on the island is very important to reduce the demand on the Adventure Bay supply. The availability and location of public toilets on the island is totally inadequate to service the large number of tourists visiting the island. Provision of additional ferry access to the island is unsustainable unless there is a very large improvement in all island infrastructure and funding and staffing of Parks Tasmania. Parks Tasmania must be a visible presence and become an active enforcement organisation to deter blatant breaches of regulations enacted to protect national park assets.
I object to the term Bruny's villages. They are small towns or townships. Villages is a feel good English term which is applicable in the United Kingdom. Certainly not in Australia and definitely not on Bruny Old timers that I knew would be turning in their graves.

What essential services!
Assistance in maintaining forestry roads. Action required to remove fallen trees from forestry roads.
Actually the LACK of certain services is a positive! I do not want the internet in my house on Bruny! Anything urgent can be accessed from a mobile phone if required. I only have a television for guests. There is no waste collection service at Dennes Point and I would welcome a large communal wheelie bin at The Point; I am happy to take all my rubbish home but, if i were to rent out m house, it is a bit much to ask paying guests to take their rubbish home. Toilets? A few more public toilets on the roadside would be helpful and ease the pressure on facilities at Get Shucked, Bruny Island Cheese etc. And why, with all the money spent on The Neck, were the new toilets so basic? I appreciate that there isn't lot of land available there - and a long drop wouldn't be! But I recommend my guests to hang on till Adventure Bay!
More subsidised solar power to enhance the clean, green image of bruny. Manage/restrict visitor numbers as Lord Howe Island does.
Am not happy that all other council residents have rubbish removal system, but on Bruny we do not despite paying similar rates. I am not advocating a rubbish collection service but strongly request that residents have free access to be able to drop off rubbish at the council tip on a regular basis ( say 1 or 2 bags per week? ). this will also have the benefit of not having residents trying to find empty public bins that are already in short supply
Adventure Bay Road between Suva corner and Adventure Bay is in urgent need of upgrade. It is rough narrow and dangerous.
I feel that to live on Bruny you choose not to have all the comforts of mainland Tassie- it had always been this way and it's what makes Bruny special. We have the necessities for a simple life- a complex work life can be had on the mainland. I don't think over catering for tourists with excessive paths and parks and amenities will benefit Bruny in the long run, I think we really need better education- tell people to take their rubbish out as they would in a national park, inform them of the importance of leaving wildlife alone, not trampling essential areas, driving cautiously etc- encourage people to take responsibility for themselves rather than nanny them. I think we need to choose whether we want Bruny to become an overrun holiday 'suburb' like Portsea in Vic, or remain as it is. Personally I prefer the latter.
There are sufficient services to meet our needs as a family
Power outages and Telstra landline repairs take a long time to be rectified. More preparation needs to be made for fuel reduction on areas of Crown Land to reduce the risk of wildfire.
At our home we are independent of most services but internet access is slow and expensive for what we get.
I believe that the council should instigate a system similar to the process they assess septic for new build/renovations and apply a similar assessment to water tanks on housing, businesses. If we do not address this then the current back up water supply will be unable to cope with expansion.
We don't need bike paths, it should be safe to ride around Bruny. There are definitely not enough toilets because we have far too many tourists. Tourists should pay a tax to get on the Island and then this money can be used to upgrade essential services on the island.
As a rate payer the council should provide 12 coupons or passes to dispose of household waste at the dump. This is a very high charge from the council when very little service is provided for the rates we pay, we have a dirt road and waste - very poor. If there is no road side waste service at least subsidise the cost of disposing of waste.
Even though no internet access, very easy to hotspot to phone for access

We are luckier than some as the Post Office, Police Station, Council Office, Fire Station etc. are in close proximity.
There's too much rubbish left at National Park camp grounds. When there's no bin, you're unlikely to pick up someone else's trash. I'd be in favour of increasing camping fees a small amount to provide bins and waste transfer service at certain locations.
Alonnah footpath needs to go from wharf to pub and along to creek
We like that it is under-serviced . Except in regard to public toilets.
Access to mob phone/internet is not good
We need MUCH BETTER TOILET FACILITIES for the many thousands of tourists that we are hosting each year!
Clean water- I have a tank and a bore and I have enough water..... Toilets- there are enough toilets - those who stay the night in airbnb have access to toilets, for residents/shackies they have their toilets, for day trippers- there are enough toilets Mobile phone access- okay just need to walk to my front gate and have good access Internet, use my phone, however I do know Telstra are increasing access at Adventure Bay later this year Footpaths/bike tracks- yes please don't build more, most people still walk on the road and don't use the one at Adventure bay- what a waste of money and know we have a fence.....
As an Eco Friendly natural environment we were surprised to learn that waste management is the responsibility of residents and visitors. We believe that waste management, recycling and green waste services should be provided to residents as part of their rates rather than a user pays setup. We are aware that some people on the Island burn their waste rather than pay per bag for dumping of household rubbish including plastics! Surely this is not Eco Friendly, however we understand this approach considering the inconvenience and cost that resident occur under the current system. Surely with a population of 600+ residents and the fact that there is a tip on the Island, a more economical option should exist. Proper waste management services would also provide for local employment opportunities on the Island. In terms of infrastructure the reliance on tank water poses a problem for resident when the seasons are dry. The cost of buying water (and let's not forget the essential provision of water for firefighting purposes that is funded by residents) when tanks are empty is substantial especially for larger family homes. Residents are reliant on electricity for most heating and cooking purposes as there is not currently a provision to the Island for natural gas, which makes household bills expensive. The regular interruption to electricity supplies in Tasmania due to lack of infrastructure and population considerations also impacts residents on the Island. Alternative electricity supplies, natural gas, Telco connections, integrated waste services and safe roads projects are major considerations for the sustainability of Bruny Island.
Bruce at the Waste management resource is fantastic but I do take issue with the Kingborough recycling system for residents without residential rubbish services. Not only do we need to take our rubbish to a transfer station we need to sort our rubbish into 5-6 different categories. Residents in the same council with a residential rubbish collection put theirs into one bin and have it sorted post-collection. So I think this is a ridiculous system that imposes more on those already without a residential collection! We are big recyclers, I cannot imagine what non-recyclers do with their recyclables..I'm guessing they wouldn't bother with the level of sorting and storage required to make this happen. Given the cost of dispose we 'stockpile' our rubbish in several containers outside the house ( a whole area needs to be dedicated and vermin proofed), this is impossible to do inside at the time of use,we would need 7 different tubs in the kitchen/laundry! , so lots of time is spent sorting recyclables and then disposing of recyclables. I would much rather a bin service or at minimum a



one-stop all in recycling station. This issue came up recently in Woodbridge- another community without a bin service, and the association felt that bins were unsightly on the street, but in my experience, bins come out on Tuesday's and are majority away again Tuesday evening, surely for ease we can look at pushing for a better system. What about those without appropriate vehicles for disposal or those wanting to sort recaybjjes appropriately without the huge cost of collection by the local guy?
I would like to see some improvement on the ferry service, I know this is a hard one to solve, but I really would like to see a residential line, where people who live on the island have slightly more priority, nothing worse than having a load of groceries, and freezer food, to get home, and you are stuck behind people who are sight-seeing as they meander along, I love it that people love our island, but there are times when I wish we had more priority, .. but have sorted that out, I only catch the first ferry either leaving the island or coming home, the tradies just want to start the day, and we all get home reasonable quickly.
Definitely need more toilets and public amenities at high use areas, Telstra provides a very poor service on Bruny and as a result I switched to Optus, which is better. I don't expect the same level of waste management services in a small town as I do in Hobart, but a more accessible recycling/waste managment place would be excellent.
I often see lots of bags of rubbish dumped beside the council rubbish bins. It is not safe or desirable to mix local and tourist pedestrians with vehicles on Bruny roads. The 2 one-lane bridges in Adventure Bay are a nightmare as most tourists ignore the Give Way signs and approach oncoming traffic too fast and don't give way. (Painting a dotted line on the road that is usually found at Give Way signs may catch the attention of tourist drivers and remind them that they need to give way). Now that Bruny Island Cruises has moved to East Cove there is an even greater urgency to improve the road from Bligh's' Creek and to include a footpath so pedestrians can walk safely. This is a 40kph zone but speeding up to 70-80kph is common, making it a very stressful experience to be a pedestrian. I have walked this road since 1997 with a dog – I now drive the short distance as there is nowhere to escape to should a speeding vehicle come hurtling around a corner at me.
The TIP needs to be open 7 days per week with the increased population and tourism since its inception and the entrance is unsafe on the corner now with greater traffic volumes
Toilet change facilities needed at beaches. National Parks infrastructure is minimal
Mobile and internet access is now an essential part of modern day working life. Greater access and quality is required.
I don't find there are footpaths/bike paths in many places but I don't think that's necessary...
I believe my tenant has used NBN from the property but have no idea how efficient the service is.
I would like to see more recycling bins.
Part of the charm of bruny is the lack of footpaths. Waste wise, i think lack of kerbside collection is likely to be resulting in property owners disposing of waste illegally on thier properties and a lack of recycling. The waste collection business does help.
More bike paths would be good. Part of wanting to maintain the integrity of the island's lifestyle is to limit visitor numbers rather than improve the infrastructure so that the rural feel is gone.
-Mobile and internet access is very problematic--I have to blue-tooth from my mobile phone as there are only a couple of pick up spots in the house -I have an underground bore as well as a large collection for rain water--BUT with more drier periods- water is and will become an issue for many-- - Bike paths and footpaths around Bruny are just about non-existent presently--
Lunawanna has no footpaths at all. I have suggested the location for a walking path along the south

side of Daniels Bay but the council was not very interested. They checked on aboriginal heritage values and I suspect they asked about Daniels Bay in general and not the south side. Apparently there are heritage sites but since they are quarries they must be on the north side of the bay. Given the increase in tourism on Bruny eventually a pedestrian will get hit in Lunawanna because there is nowhere to walk.
Increased capacity to recycle in each village should be implemented
Main Rd between Alonnah and Lunawanna needs to be sealed as a matter of urgency.
[Local infrastructure and essential services are] dismal.
Waste management must be improved, the current situation is very poor. There is no reason not to have recycling (e.g. bottle banks) in the major settlements and the waste transfer station on north Bruny needs to be open every day. Things like cycle paths would improve the liveability.
If the Bruny ferry is included in the term 'essential service' then the service is overpriced for locals and inadequate in it's capacity to carry the numbers of people using it and the timetable. It should start earlier and finish later. The gap between first & second departure from Bruny is too long.
For the amount of rates paid to Kingsborough Council it is appalling that we have to pay a private operator to collect rubbish. At the very least Bruny residents should get an annual rebate from their rates for this cost or free access to the Waste Management facility on Bruny or at Margate.
I have large craters on the side of the road outside my house and when it rains cars splash mud all over my windows, I have rubbish dumped outside my house if I try to leave garbage out for collection, I am constantly picking up garbage, have had people ask if they can use my toilet. I would like to see dog poo bins on beaches also, when I'm driving there are people wandering all over the roads and I'm surprised no one has been killed as visitors are star gazing as driving or drivers get impatient and overtaking. I get sick of driving 60km all the way to Adventure Bay because I'm following a camper van, so some slow lane slip lanes would be good. Wider roads and white lines down the middle. Its not the tourists that is the problem its the lack of infrastructure on the Island
It all depends on whether the cost of addition service improvements is passed onto the resident and that this cost is a burden to their limited income \ pension
If the traffic were to be better managed - or more separated bike/walking tracks that would be very positive.
Have had bad experiences with the fire services and police.
Comments are made on the basis of being a 4G Telstra subscriber - anyone else may be in a less than acceptable situation but that is a supply and demand issue. The infrastructure and service is there if you want to pay for it so stop complaining. Maybe better to complain to Kingborough Council who decided to inflict a new Stormwater Rate on Island residents just because they thought it would be a good idea to raise revenue without actually doing anything for the Island. Similar to the Baretta tip fee that every islander had to pay even though they didn't utilise it.
We have always been happy with the services available on Bruny. For our family it is a remote holiday destination and the services available meet our needs.
Local infrastructure is unable to cope with the number of tourists visiting. Ferry and roads cannot cope, there are insufficient toilets and rubbish removal facilities. Amount of litter on the roads has increased from almost none to a lot over the past 15 years. Recent improvements in the main road (Great Bay and The Neck) have been welcome and a big improvement but why did the work on the neck take so long - understand the money for The Neck was allocated year ago when Great Bay was done? Numerous traffic surveys have been done over the years we have been on Bruny but nothing seems to happen! The new pathway, seats and improvements along the Adventure Bay beachfront

are welcome and good and have greatly improved the usability of the area and safety of pedestrians and cyclists, especially children along Adventure Bay Road - more of this is needed.
There also needs to be a ragwort bin back at Alonnah. The tip for ragwort is convenient for me however the southern people need somewhere convenient to dispose of ragwort. I'm a bit idealistic and would like to see a zero waste world but know this is not possible.
There needs to be dog poo bags and more waste bins along Nebraska beach as this is becoming an issue.
Bruny Island is a much more popular destination than it was 5 years ago, yet the infrastructure has hardly improved at all. It does not meet current safety or environmental needs.
The ferry access, to which I referred in Q5, remains the greatest weak link in BI's infrastructure. It is appalling that increased housing permits are being issued without upgrading the basic access-to-the-island issue.
Why were the toilets in Adveture Bay in front of the Bowling Club pulled down. These should be rebuilt where they were and a carpark installed there instead of the carpark in Quiet Corner. It is not in front of any houses as in Quiet Corner. We residents should be put before tourists.
Should be recycle bins as well as more toilets. The cleaners [are] responsible for vast amounts of bottles, recyclables from all the accommodation sites. People bring a lot with them and have to take responsibility for it to reduce landfill.
Need dog poo bins. More toilets. More free green waste pickups.
Footpaths can negatively impact the look. Speed humps and signage are more effective. Bike paths could work.
Bruny Island is a beautiful Island, no need for further infrastructure to create footpaths and cycle paths. 'Keep it unique'.
Come to Bruny don't expect footpaths and cycleways. Don't make Bruny into the Gold Coast.
We don't have a Post Office on North bruny which is inconvenient
The garbage bins are annoying because you can't open far enough to deposit rubbish. There has to be a better system for tourists.
In 20 years I've seen three sections of road sealed and a Health Centre built in the wrong place as well as being altered three times.
Mobile phone coverage in some areas is non-existent. This is not ideal for us as we run a farming business and rely heavily on good phone access.
More footpaths along the roads
We have to pay for rubbish removal, most places it is part of your rates, we have to pay for water, there are no bike paths except at the Neck, making the roads very dangerous.
Airstrip should be privately owned and updated
Footpath the Council made at Adventure Bay is on wrong side of the road - idiotic. Who organised that?
The location of public toilets should be highlighted on maps, the ferry and other tourist destinations so that tourists know where they are. Disposing of waste appropriately should be promoted more widely. The roads around North Bruny communities are not particularly bike friendly. Regarding essential services and local infrastructure we do not regularly utilise it but it is nice to know it is there should we need it.
Not enough phone/internet reception
Household rubbish collection desirable - a public laundry facility desirable - mobile library visits from TasLinc

Bruny definitely needs more picnic areas where people can pull over and rest while deciding their destinations on Bruny. These areas could also have MAPS OF BRUNY - attractions, food places, places of interest. I have experienced lots of visitors trying to decipher maps to their destinations.
With increased traffic on Bruny roads footpaths and bike track need to be addressed.
No soap in Alonnah toilets (new toilets)
Safety concerns with international drivers on the roads - some of which don't understand road rules. More footpaths needed and extended along Adventure Bay Rd. Dangerous for cyclists, horse riders.
We basically do not have foot or bike paths in Alonnah.
Need cart for Council pickup. Water for visitors - a problem. No buses, no taxis.
Waste management services is a MAJOR issue - dump station is not maintained - Public Toilets need policing in peak times - some are disgusting.
Public toilets - appalling lack of.
Not enough of it! Government keeps advertising 'Come and See' - not good enough. We need 'Come and Stay and Spend' (please)
We have available area for green waste disposal. Maybe a bit of effort with path construction on walks to sights around the Island and signage for tourist walks etc.
Volunteers getting older. Need paid Ambulance staff. Amazing what the volunteers do just concerned re: impact of ageing on them and the ageing Bruny population.
Ex Forestry roads and tracks falling into disrepair - very little chance of much changing, even though these are important for tourism.
Insufficient regulations re: tank storage on accommodation properties - spa baths etc. Insufficient back up for Adventure Bay water source supplying the whole island. Needs to be TasWater storages at other locations.
Not enough ambulance volunteers - need a permanent paramedic on island. Ferry times inadequate to catch flights in Hobart
Telstra only, Optus no good. Have own tanks - have never had to buy water. Have opportunity for attracting bike riders to BI - not just around village, but currently too dangerous. Need bike paths wide-spread - a huge market I reckon. We're in the 'black' area area [for internet] qualified for Sky Muster satellite connection. Fantastically better than our previous Telstra/Optus hotspot. (faster., more MB, cheaper).
Apart from good maintenance of what we have, I don't believe we need any new infrastructure - just limit the number of visitors and we'll be fine
For us, Bruny offers an escape from the things you expect in town. It certainly seems that better sanitation access would reduce litter.
People must be responsible for their own waste and quantity they produce
Essential services such as Ambulance only have 1 person (6 months of year) based on South Island and is 80 years old. No guarantee that an ambulance would reach south island in a disaster if nurses on call to North Island emergency.
We are a small population so cannot expect to have full services - who pays?
A widespread community lessens the need for some services over the whole island.
Our internet is provided by a satellite source - however costly for reasonable data access.
We are lucky enough to be part of the battery trial - this is fantastic.
As a 'remote' community with serious limits to on/off movement, this status should be recognised officially and form the basis of improved service delivery etc.
We need to become a 'remote' community then we may be able to have paramedics paid on island

more of all above. So this could all be much improved. To help our Senior Ambulance Volunteers. More training courses as well offered. Even if we have portaloos summer and easter, whilst waiting for something permanent.
I object to council levies for Kingborough places when I have to pay to have my rubbish removed after I've taken it by car to the main road. I don't have my letters delivered either and if I'm out walking I take a plastic bag and put other people's rubbish in the bin.
We have been very poorly represented by Council and Government - it has been a disgrace. Infrastructure and roads are woeful.
People often visit Barnes Bay and use public areas i.e. foreshore and trees to go to the toilet as there are no public facilities here. Frequently there will be vans/station wagons RVs and caravans staying overnight near the jetty. Many of these are without facilities.
Need a vet
As we are very self sufficient, these issues do not really have an impact on our family. The footpaths around the whole Adventure Bay area are improving due to work being done - I understand that this is due to the nature of the area and the lack of spaces to make these available. The work that has been done to provide walking track alongside the beach on Adventure Bay is fantastic and as a parent this is a great outcome.
I don't believe we need bike paths or footpaths around the island. It is not Byron Bay
NBN access would assist in the running of my business, however access to the 4G network is good and rarely drops out. Waste management is very good for islanders (ie when the waste management station is open), however there does need to be more bins to cater for the dirty tourists.
We don't need footpaths or better roads in Killora. We need a reduction in speed limits.
Not enough public bins. Tourists dump bags of rubbish next to bins due to not enough bins (campers who stay for a few days etc).
Lack of mobile access is a positive for me. Infrastructure improved locally but still reactive rather than planned provision.
All of the above services are good for a local but Bruny is not about the locals now, it's about the tourists and the impact they have had on our general amenities.
Telstra - no mobile access. Optus OK. Tip not open Tue Wed Thu - makes recycling difficult. I have to drive about 60km return to dump green waste at the tip. Tip is North Bruny - I live South Bruny! Don't use internet.
These issues should have been fixed prior to bringing all the increase in tourism.
Public toilets and tourist waste management are 3rd world and a disgrace.
We need locally-based rangers - Council rangers. There is a 'wild west' mentality when it comes to local laws. Currently council turns a blind eye.
Public toilets in strategic tourist areas would be great. Waste management - no recycling, lack of bins for tourists. More rangers to protect wilderness areas.
I recognise there is so much funding in the pot. I chose to live on Bruny island knowing that services would be 'different' to, say, Hobart. Frankly, I'm as happy as a pig in excrement (as the saying goes).
Footpaths and bikepaths are few, but in many cases not required in my view. But there are a couple of black spots e.g Adventure Bay S-Bend.
Owing to the increase in the tourist population over last few years the toilet infrastructure and waste management programs are seriously lacking.
As part of the tourist attraction, Bruny could have some "wi-fi free/detox" areas, where people from cities can chill out away from technology for a bit and enjoy themselves. It is not essential to have

wireless towers everywhere. Make it UNIQUE. There needs to be a small unobtrusive public toilet on every beach. Visitors should be provided with rubbish bags (to be taken home with them) on the ferry OR skip bins should exist at the ferry terminal at Roberts Point. A waste transfer station is needed at South Bruny. Camping grounds need to be maintained and supervised.
Concern over the age of the volunteers (Ambulance, Fire etc) - no new ones coming forward!?
[Infrastructure is] bloody woeful.
There needs to be a safe pedestrian footpath/bike path across the bridge at Alonnah (near hotel).
An investment in safe footpaths in communities that are getting increased traffic flow - Alonnah Beach works when creek is closed - narrow bridge on a bend with a crest is quite scary driving and walking. We mow a path to pub and beach regularly.
Being self sufficient for water and sewerage is much more preferable to relying on expensive, centralised and inefficient TasWater model. Lower impact (generally) on the environment too.
The majority of Bruny's population is on the South Island but the waste transfer station is in the north of the North Island. We need a transfer station DEFINITELY on Sth Island.
Rubbish from streets blows into yards. Paths needed near pub to prevent accident of people crossing to beach.
With our influx of visitors nearly all year round more toilets are essential and DUSTBINS for them to deposit waste!
The question is do we need footpaths and bike paths and in view of the topography/road corridors would they improve users safety - I doubt it.
When one decides to live on an island, it cannot be expected to have access to services available within an 'off-island' suburban or city area.
Regular waste and recycling collections would be good.
Need more public toilets and upgrade boat ramps and roads. Spend some money on us as we spend on Kingborough.
Environment is fouled because of inadequate garbage collection and public toilets. Situation is rapidly worsening with increase in tourist visitation.
If you live on Bruny, have enough tanks to take care of water needs. Need permanent green waste at Alonnah, plus recycling. Would be really nice but a big wish - walking tracks to Alonnah from Cemetery Rd.
Infrastructure should consider the natural environment - no Telstra and Optus some places.
Better NBN access required. Affordable access plans for the 'low income' sector is important.
Volunteers are wonderful, nurses great - roads, toilets are poor
All roads in Bruny townships should be sealed - dust in tanks contaminates water and affects people's health. Plus road dust causes asthmatic reactions in some people.
Because Bruny is remote, no access after 7pm ferry, it is highly important that phone/internet services be readily accessible. If toilet and footpaths are necessary then think of the locals - not all for visitors. Money spent on Bruny needs to be for Bruny not always for visitors.
Dedicated lane for residents at ferry terminals.
It would be a great asset to the residents of Apollo Bay if there was a bike path joining the new subdivision with the ferry terminal. It would increase health, outdoor activity, child safety, community and potentially reduce the number of cars on the ferry (or parked on this side).
Infrastructure should be adequate for safety and amenity - but aesthetically sensitive - shouldn't look like a town suburb!
We would LOVE foot and bike path access from Apollo Bay to Roberts Point ferry terminal via the



D'Entrecasteaux sub division
If you want so many tourists to visit, then do a better job with infrastructure
When water tank full OK. During warmer months dust from roadways leaches from roofing. Concerns of health from pollution in tank.
Concerned about the dust comes from road into our tank. Slightly larger bins would be good in picnic places.
Need footpaths and boardwalks in Alonnah township
Should have speed cameras on island in village areas. Alonnah needs footpaths for traffic and pedestrians combined areas
All roads within village areas should be sealed thereby reducing dust which contaminates drinking water and causes health problems eg asthma
All roads where houses are should be tarred for dust and health reasons - most important
Recycling bins be made available next to General Waste bins
What infrastructure? The tennis courts at Dennes Pt are unusable. Need an indoor pool at Dennes Pt for exercise and well-being. Aqua aerobics.
The Lennon Hall at Dennes Pt is frequently used for visiting local government meetings. The problematic acoustics should be addressed under Bruny Island infrastructure needs.
See Biosphere/region recommendation. Need to keep North Bruny roads as they are. It keeps tourist numbers to a minimum.
A footpath on one side of the road in Dennes Point village would be a good start. Also some more street lighting in the areas where people are likely to walk at night in the summer.
North Bruny is excellent with refuse and internet and power supply.
The State Government should make Telstra put wireless NBN facility on the Telstra tower at Apollo Bay. It is stupid that we at Barnes Bay have to have satellite NBN.
Not happy with the Telstra mobile network dropping out for no apparent reason sometimes half a dozen times in a 20 minute conversation with Telstra unable to provide an explanation. You take your life in your hands walking from the original jetty at East Cove as the road is too narrow for both cars/buses and pedestrians.
Household rubbish collection good, but no provision of a cleanup for large items, which we need to have. And no real green waste management, which would help avoid bush fires.
More bins and the cigarette butts – OMG – as a smoker I pick up so many. No ashtrays yet 50% tourism from Asia? Hmmm.
As visitor numbers grow, will need more [infrastructure] to cope adequately – garbage disposal is a problem.
With the increase in tourists littering etc is getting much worse.
If bikepaths got cyclists off the roads, especially the Adventure Bay Rd, they would be most welcome.
The public toilet situation in Adventure Bay is a joke. Council recently removed the only foreshore toilet in the Bay. Due to the lack of toilets Asian tourists regularly defecate on our foreshore. In one instance I measured an offering 3 metres from the picnic table opposite [identifies individual]. Asians seem to wipe their backsides with wipes which do not break down like toilet paper. The Mayor of Kingborough recently stated that Port-a-Loos would detract from the 'Bruny Brand' – I would have thought tourist offerings would be a bigger detraction.
Phone connection great (mobile) but no choice – has to be Telstra. Internet OK – satellite. Telstra very expensive compared to town. I would like to see more footpaths – especially through Alonnah.
More bins, more signs promoting respect for the land, more signs promoting road safety, more

dunnies.
Roads need improving. We need more public toilets and rubbish bins (no brainer?!). More support for volunteer emergency services. It's great we now have a pharmacy! A more permanent female doctor would be great.
Telstra wants to get more towers on Bruny i.e. safety for walkers – fishermen – emergency people. No enough hard green waste areas. Should be 3-6 months instead of just 2-3 days.
Good! Compared to many other rural communities.
Better existing roads not new roads!
Garbage pick-up is necessary and should be a priority
Walking/bike paths needed in North – only linear/roadways
Would like to see a dedicated bike path North to South Bruny – it scares me to ride my push bike on Bruny roads.
The island settlements are all suffering from a lack of public toilets and waste bins in the face of increasing visitor loads.
There is a desperate need for toilets on the island. We have WIFI for B&B. Without that reception would not be good. Have satellite dish.
The one major service we require but don't get, despite high rates, is waste collection and the cost of us delivering it to the collection centres is way more than for people who pay to put bins out.
The services are based in one place and Bruny is a quite a big island so they aren't the same for everyone living here.
Kingborough Council needs to stop blaming Bruny for increased costs! It wants tourism! So stop putting our rates up, when we receive nothing back. Only the tourist operators get anything from tourism.
I'm with Optus, with the tower close by...but it's too low down and signal is intermittent still. Telstra coverage is poor.
Additional infrastructure needed to provide better phone and internet access to Lunawanna area.
Locals pay rates and yet so much is done to improve tourist infrastructure at the expense of local community needs.
A waste management facility is needed on South Bruny
Only some areas of Bruny have good enough access to mobile and internet services. The visiting public is severely underserved with facilities. There is a lack of potable water for the visiting caravan/camper away from the Caravan Park. The Dump Point at Alonnah is an atrocious design. The spray bar is useless. The tap is too far from the actual dump point and cannot be used instead of the bar!
The only problem with how services are carried out is that people making decisions don't live here or rarely come here. In some cases e.g. Medical Centre – it is run by two different organisations and they do not seem to work together well.
Bike/wheelchair tracks around the 'village' of Alonnah/Adventure Bay are necessary. Alonnah is particularly lacking. Tracks to join school/health centre/shop/post office/jetty would increase safe foot/wheeled accessibility.
Yes, we need a few more toilets in key places. All other resources are accessible with some amount of planning and travel.
For people living on Bruny I think the essential services are sufficient. I don't want mains water or a waste service. The only reason to improve these would be for tourists. Footpaths and bikepaths around Alonnah and Great Bay would be nice.

There are plenty of public toilets on Bruny, however I don't think they are signposted very well.
Footpaths, rubbish bins (and collecting) and toilets – infrastructure to support tourists and residents is needed.
Seeing rubbish on roadsides and pull-off areas is pretty sad- need more public bins. Toilet waste in some areas is not pleasant either so more public toilets – well signed – would be good.
It seems that when public toilets were built at Alonnah, campers were using the area for camping – why did no signs go up? I spotted several of these using rubbish bins to deposit their full rubbish bags into. When I talked to someone they said: but where are the bins?! Good point!
Need more waste management services on South BI. Recycling facilities at the Council depot at Alonnah would be great. Also can Matthew Flinders Drive be bitumen?
Always picking up tourist litter as I know many islanders do. Regularly emptied bins in carparks would help a lot.
No mobile reception and very expensive and slow internet where I live.
In the bush around every parking place off Bruny Island Main Rd, or side road, there is toilet paper flapping, excrement and rubbish. I feel for the visitors – where are the public toilets and rubbish bins for them? Council has been aware of the problem, but has not prioritised remedial action.
Another pub or grocery shop for the south end of the island would be nice. Laundry mat would be a real step forward for life on Bruny.
I don't want mobile reception at home. I want better internet. We need a southern waste transfer station. More toilet especially at the Lighthouse. A roundabout at Suva Corner to make it safe and heavy fines for tourists and locals who litter.
We have our own water supply (ample tankwater). We pay high rates with few of the council services available in many areas of Kingborough, we only really want a reasonable cost for delivering our household rubbish to the Margate tip weekly (1 shopping bag full = \$5 delivered)
Waste management is disgusting, pathetic. Overcharging (\$5) for a bag of rubbish. A bin system as in Greater Hobart area needs to be introduced. If it works there why can't it work on Bruny? Get rid of the private contractor! Public toilets need to be tripled in Adventure Bay.
Telstra need to put up a signal station – no reception where I live – 2 minutes walking from Quiet Corner.
No arrangement that I am aware of to collect large amount of prunings, that I produce maybe twice a year, in the absence of a trailer.
Water is a finite resource and limits the carrying capacity of the island. It's being [unreadable] and used to supply mass-market tourism. Bruny's future is being flushed down the drain. Toilets and recycling bins are totally inadequate. Kingborough Council and government and tourism industry are not pulling their weight.
Unless the State Government allocates fund for upgrade of roads, rubbish and provision of toilets and more directive traffic signage the stampede of tourism is going to be a turn off to visitors and residents. A percentage of dollars made on Bruny should be dedicated to essential services.
Recycle bins would be good near the hall at Adventure Bay. Quiet Corner has no mobile signal, we have to walk out to the road (no inside signal).
Boardwalk tracks, more composting toilets, recycle bin options. Better ferry service – more timetable options – especially for locals working in Hobart. Council should be more proactive with Ragwort problem – should give free spray to eradicate.
We use the paid WIFI services – most efficient. Very poor NBN/Satellite information available in isolated area. Mobile great. Lots of old homes have very small rainwater tanks because they were

originally shacks. It fails me why large tanks are not installed now they are permanent residents. Would be great if people used footpaths, have personally seen walkers on the road at Adventure Bay not the footpath and verbally abusive to Ambulance drivers trying to get past them.

Internet is limited and expensive. Need another water access point. Need more bins and recycling centre on South Island. No bins at the Neck, Cloudy Bay Beach, Lagoon, Mabel Bay etc. Phone reception OK at home but barely exists at work. Not enough toilets or camp grounds leading to people camping illegally and leaving litter and human waste leading to health concerns.

Very few man the fire truck. The transfer station opening hours are inadequate considering the number of people/rubbish/refuse in tourist season. Ferry times are inadequate.

The transfer station has limited hours for an island that is trying to cope with increased daily visitors. Water is the responsibility of the individual householder. Submissions to TasWater may provide some certainty of a 'back-up'.

There is a shocking lack of public toilets and waste bins to accommodate the needs of ever-expanding visitor numbers. Waste is being dumped on the roadside.

Public transport should be provided. In particular there should be a 'walk on' to the ferry option for tourists so that they can then catch a bus on the island. I also suggest that a particular scheduled ferry service be dedicated to residents, eg one in the morning, then one around midday and another at the end of the day. It is imperative to be able to get to doctors' appointments, flights, business meetings etc, particularly when there is a loss incurred as a result of missing the appointment. There could be a trial over 6 months or at peak times.
The roadkill is distressing for residents and tourists alike. Dawn and dusk recommended speed limits - 45km/hr - should be mandatory.
Ferry traffic is unreliable, getting to business appointments in town is challenging when ferry times are unreliable. We need more ferry availability in the winter as there are more tourists.
Definitely need public transport to link ferries and major population centres - possibly share school buses.
Speed limits on Bruny gravel roads need to be reviewed due to increase of traffic! How can visitors be expected to pass cyclists safely on winding roads when they can go at 80km per hour? (Just one example).
Again, road safety is the main issue.
The second ferry (Bowen) should stay on the run until winter. After Easter there are still many tourists and the wait can be unacceptable.
A basic level of taxi or Uber for occasional use would be of benefit.
Suggest a later ferry - 9pm.
Some kind of public transport would benefit locals, tourists and business.
The ferry is a far cry from the old Barnes Bay trips and is wonderfully reliable. Travel to and from the island is more reliable than the Southern Outlet or any of Hobart's road network. The disruption from roadworks is less pronounced by far. It seems that to some any inconvenience is an infringement on personal rights, they should have been in Newcastle with all the roadworks and track work around Hamilton and Broadmeadows in Newcastle over the last 18 months. Given the amount of traffic, the ferry service is pretty good and any reasonable person would take into account potential delays in planning travel. Not always possible but the delays are on par with anywhere else in the country. Booking systems and resident lanes are a dangerous counterproductive nonsense and would lead to more trouble than they are worth. They would also most certainly not solve the 'problem'. More ferry capacity is the only solution that is free from torturous administration and controls. Most suggestions for control are based on the assumption that islanders should have special rights and privileges (a highly dubious contention) and that visitors are a sub species. Most of the improvements to roads, retail, and general amenities are result of increased visitor numbers. Tourism is a double-edged sword and certainly does create a lot of traffic movement given everything occurs on a simple North South axis. However the slow improvement of roads in the last twenty years or so is directly linked to the steady increase in the number of visitors, both tourists and shackies. Strangely enough some demand improved access then complain about the improvement of access because it encourages 'others'.
As previously written, I believe there needs to be major road works undertaken on Adventure Bay Rd., Main Road through to Alonnah and the unsealed section through to Cape Bruny. I am not aware of the condition of other roads on Bruny as I haven't traveled them recently. I believe the Ferry Service is being managed as well as it can be under current circumstances. Tourism is important to the controlled growth on Bruny, so we need to embrace the traffic but manage it as best we can. Public transport may reduce the impact of vehicles on Bruny. Perhaps a bigger second Ferry all year round

would be beneficial to residents. An extra \$2 to \$5 may also help (per ticket for visitors, with the exception of pensioners and family of residents with a relevant pass).
The ferry needs attention, wait times have been terrible at times.
Public transport - just school buses.
As a regular walk on passenger to the ferry, it is of concern there is limited and diminishing parking options at both ferry terminals to support park and ride.
The condition of dirt roads on the island are getting worse due to heavy traffic and they are not being maintained well enough.
Public transport would be great! A bus service to minimise tourist cars in the ferry would be great! Something needs to be done with the ferry to make it easier for locals to get to and from the island without having to wait for hours in the busy time. The quiet times are great and the crew do an amazing job!
The two ferries for 6 months of the year seem to. provide a good service for all except a few peak periods, The crews are unfailingly courteous and skilled. Probably with increasing tourist numbers, the frequency of ferries needs to increase. Maybe 6 months of at least the present capacity, 2 "shoulder" periods, and only 3 months of the current winter roster.
I have never considered public transport on Bruny because I could not imagine it would be viable??? There are some areas on the roads that are real hazards. I notice there has been some improvement in signage in the last 1-2 years which I think has probably helped safety issues. There are some blind corners on South Bruny which are treacherous.
Bruny island ferry provides a poor and very frustrating service because of the high number of tourists now visiting the island.
Reliable ferry service all year round is required a 2 ferry service year round .
The sheer number of visitors makes getting on a ferry somewhat uncertain these days. I would like to be able to plan to get on a ferry at a particular time, without the need to arrive an hour in advance to ensure a place. How about an hourly minibuss service between the ferry terminal and adventure bay at least?
Neck speed limit should be slower. More traffic calming installation (such as at cradle mt) would not cause traffic chaos and would help our critters at night. Ferry service needs a review - ?booking system? I'm used to waiting for the ferry and consider it all part of the adventure but it is becoming an even little longer wait each peak holiday/weekend.
Public transport is not essential on Bruny We are not in the Hobart CBD or surrounds and should not expect it People have their own vehicles Fred Cox and Denne Kadens days have long passed
Concern about upkeep of forestry roads
Ah... the ferry! Yes, the lines have been VERY long recently. Perhaps there needs to be a booking system? Perhaps there needs to be a priority line for residents? But yes, the tourists keep the economy going.... so they would get highly annoyed on their one day trip to Bruny, to see others being let through in front of them. Rightly so. And news of that would destroy the tourism numbers overnight once it gets on social media. I do think we need to have the Bowen on standby in April and the shoulder seasons - because the season doesn't just stop after Easter. With increased numbers, another ferry or a larger Bowen is certainly necessary. But think of the huge increase in numbers on the island if it were announced that a third ferry would be operating and lines would be a thing of the past?! Disaster! Suddenly the 'unknown but I am sure considerable' number of people who think: "Oooh, I'd live to go over to Bruny but the queue for a ferry puts me off..." - they'd be all making a beeline for Kettering, there would be queues on the roads on Bruny, the new parking area at The Neck



would be completely insufficient and suddenly it would be : "Oh, we need a FOURTH ferry!" Regarding public transport, I use my car. I don't expect to have three buses an hour on a delightfully remote island!
More footpaths and cycleways would make it safer for all. Ferries that run later than 7pm especially during summer and at weekends.
The unpaved roads are in an unsatisfactory condition, with increasing numbers of tourists who have never driven on gravel roads, it is inevitable that accidents will occur. Fix the roads or lower the speed limit on gravel roads. Promote considerate driving, if you are a tourist and not familiar with the roads, pull over and let other drivers past. They have road signs in Hawaii asking that you do this.
Investigate the possibilities of having some public transport services / tours transport as an alternative so visitors have an option to visit but not have to drive on the ferry and island?
Bruny is a semi rural place with adequate infrastructure for that way of life. Bruny is basic, which is its charm. As long as residents have safe, basic roads, I think this is enough. We should however educate drivers, especially tourists, of safe ways to drive on Bruny, and perhaps implement rules for tourists. You can't rule out all risk, educate people to take responsibility for themselves and their actions!
Top speed should be reduced to 50kph on Main Road North Bruny to give the wildlife a better chance.
Regarding Q12: Usually we are confident about travelling to and from Bruny however the last few months have been horrific re ferry traffic. The ferry people work very hard and efficiently but the pressure of traffic has been too much and waiting times blown out. This did happen many years ago at Easter, Xmas etc but now is much more prolonged. As I intend to travel to work from Bruny later in the year this does concern me. Mostly the roads are fine and local traffic know how to drive them but we have seen some risky situations caused by inexperienced drivers and/or large vehicles on the road not driving to the conditions. Perhaps more education is needed?
The influx of visitors has placed additional stress on the existing ferry service, in the past except for the normal holiday periods, I didn't really have to think about "making" the ferry, now I have to plan to ensure that I am able to meet appointments on the other side because of the queue numbers. The speed limits around the villages are appropriate but I think that the "open" road limit should be increase back to 100kph, especially now that the main road is sealed.
Given the huge growth in tourist numbers and their somewhat erratic driving practices 2 priorities are needed: Both ferries to be operating 12 months of the year: and The road from Lunawanna to the lighthouse, including the road to Jetty Beach,needs sealing.
It is essential to have a car on the island. This is an added cost that, combined with the ferry charges, makes life difficult for those on low incomes. A bus service to Hobart, perhaps once or twice a week, would be welcome.
A shuttle bus would improve a lot of the transport issues on Bruny island.
Speed limits should be reduced on Bruny, especially through the neck. The road through the neck should never have been upgraded, its terrible. The speed limit through the neck should have been reduced instead, now it just looks like a supermarket car park, its such a shame.
I think people travel way to fast on sealed and unsealed roads.
Residents need to be able to leave and return to the island without huge delays! They should have their own queue.
Very concerned about safety on the roads.
I had a bike on this island. I always found a lift on the island. Local are the best for that. There is enough car on Bruny. But I guess that a bus transportation could reduce the queue for the ferry
The ferry service should not change from 2 to 1 ferry at the end of march when there are still school

holidays. The service is not meeting the needs of the community number, the cost of the ferry should also be subsidised by the council or the option of buying an annual pass for a reasonable price. Or consider charging pedestrians a gold coin and dropping residents to \$5 or \$10 per returned trip.
The ferry is the issue. This is very good now that there are ferry's leaving each 30 minutes. The lunch time break is quite often an issue still. This timetable is required to deal with the amount of traffic. Any time that moves back to only one ferry is a major issue with dealing with the demand. BUT, this is only ok when it is a normal non holiday weekend. At all other times of holiday periods, including long weekends, school holidays and particularly Easter and Christmas, it is a major problem. 3 hour wait in 30'c heat is an issue for many. This duration of wait also seems to occur if one ferry is off service. Two larger ferries are required soon to meet the demand. Half hourly timing is very good.
It would be difficult to live on Bruny without having a motor vehicle. I would definitely not want to be here in that circumstance.
The problem isn't that the ferry service is inadequate. It is that there are too many tourists and the numbers need to be capped. It is as simple as that. The tourism benefits one or two businesses and destroys the amenity of the island for everyone else. The island can have tourism but it must be limited. The present situation, and even the very questions being asked here lead to an opposite solution: that the costs of mass tourism be socialised, with the rate payer and tax payer picking up the costs for ferries, roads, services etc, while the profits are wholly privatised, belonging principally to one operator. Limiting numbers wont destroy the allure of the island but only increase it. It will allow the island to catch breath and do what it does well. But the present path will destroy the island within a few years.
It wouldn't hurt to lower speed limits generally. This would improve road safety for vehicular traffic, non-human inhabitants, pedestrians and cyclists.
Ferry has to be improved the huge increase in self drivers has caused the biggest problems interesting to see how kangaroo island has a lesser capacity for cars a walk on ferry with upstairs lounge etc then pick up buses on island side might be with looking at also hire vehicles and bikes and e bikes on briny side where you pick up and drop off on bruny side might be worth looking at with hire vehicle companies ie budget hertz Avis office at roberts point side with island appropriate vehicles
Ferry service is good but under too much pressure from day-trippers. Bus transport would be preferable to hire cars. Cars with BI stickers need priority lane on ferry and need to be first off.
The need to seal the Dennes point road with increasing visitor numbers to improve safety. The ferry situation makes it impossible to do a day trip on or off the island and when you are a rate payer there should be priority.
The ferry staff are doing an amazing job but I find it incredibly frustrating when I have to waste time in Hobart because there is no way I can get onto the island without a two hour wait over the summer.
Speed limits could be reduced with little effect on travel times The ferry service is very well run, but the waiting times are too long in peak periods. It can take 1.5 hours of queueing for a 20 minute ferry ride. I would like to see the hours extended - particularly later in the evenings
North Bruny roads are now treacherous with large numbers of tourists on the dirt roads
The ferry does a wonderful job. As a child (many years ago) we waited longer than we do today, but everyone has forgotten that!!!! Yes you do have to wait at Easter,,,,,but we know this and build it into the travel schedule. I am surprised when last weekend a car full of Chinese tourists overtook some cars on Adventure Bay road going to Penicotts nearly causing an accident and this was on bitumen and a straight piece of road!!!
The Bruny Island Ferry Service runs a very efficient service, however, at peak times travelers are not

always able to get on the ferry when they want to due to the level of demand. As tourists to the Island we have found that the limitations of first and last ferry times limits our options for the time available to explore the Island as a day trip. Whilst we have never been stuck on the Island due to missing the last ferry we have cut our visits short knowing that we need to get to the terminal with plenty of time to queue for the last ferry. As for local residents we feel that there should be some provision for a "locals only" style ferry that ensure that locals get to the mainland and return to the Island when needed. Mobility on the Island appears to be fairly limited. Transporting a vehicle, bringing a bike or trying to book a tourist shuttle seem to be the main options for mobility on Bruny. Is there a need for more tourist shuttles that can take visitors to prime locations (in a controlled and timetabled manner) around the Island and then return them to the ferry/mainland in a timely manner...could this reduce the number of visitor vehicles on the Island and the demands placed on the ferry service to accommodate large volumes of vehicles? Surely the reduction of traffic on the Island is environmentally friendly and safer for all (considering the hazards such as dirt roads and wildlife which requires a certain level of expertise/familiarity with Australian roads to drive safely in these conditions)

Public transport linking up better with the ferry service would be an improvement- The 415 bus leaves Kettering at the ferry terminal only just before the ferry gets in! And also a ferry schedule that doesn't operate with only tourists at the fore..i appreciate this service needs the tourists to be viable but as residents we also rely on this service, and the tourists will keep coming, but the residents will leave or question the viability of living on the island without a workable schedule. Much improvement is needed to ensure that the needs of residents is met. commuter time ferry options- miss the 5.30pm have to wait til 7pm! surely most commuters work til 5 (some negotiate hard with changes to usual working hours I'm sure) and likely in town, so a 6pm option would surely be beneficial for most residents! We race for the 5.30, often with children who have been at After school care and if we miss this, we don't get our children home til closer to 7.40pm from which we still need to prepare dinner (oyster cove veg shop only has so much on offer as affordable dinner options on these occasion) and wind down for bed. Likewise, miss the 7am, wait til 8.30am- I can either start work at 8 or closer to 9.30. Workable commuter times? ..7, 7.45, 8.30? and then 3.30, 4.30, 5.30, 6.15? I also question whether there has been enough decline in tourist numbers to stop running the second ferry in a weeks time? A few other concerns- lack of cover for walk-on passengers on the Bowman, and provision of parking spaces either side as numbers increase- resident only (Rsticker) areas?

I think there should be some public transport option as without a car life must be very difficult. Also moving around for tourists without a car is difficult. Some form of mini-bus option may alleviate some of the difficulties of increased road use as well.

The community car should be organised by staff at the Health Centre as previously done. Only [somewhat satisfied with the ferry] because I travel when I know it won't be busy – it's not too hard to figure it out. North Bruny roads are terrifying to drive on when encountering large motorhomes and caravans. The parking and speeding situation in the vicinity of the Adventure Bay shop is a disaster waiting to happen. Traffic calming measures should be a priority. Wouldn't it be great and forward thinking if governments didn't wait until a death happened to make improvements to road safety for all.

Adventure Bay Rd and Main Rd to Alonnah are dreadful

An enforceable lower speed limit during night time would be ideal for reducing road kill

All gravel roads need to be widened and sealed on North Bruny and Lunawanna. The Bruny ferry service is not coping at times with the volume of traffic.

Residents should be able to book the ferry via payment on line. If they miss it they lose the fee. An 8am ferry would enable a 9am arrival in Hobart.
[Speed limits] too high on dirt roads - should be 60 or 70 kmph
Some of the speed limits are a bit too fast for the inexperienced drivers visiting that are unaccustomed to rural conditions/unpaved roads. Also causes a lot of wildlife casualties. Poses a danger to the vehicle occupants as well as people in other cars and also assets. If there was an evening and a morning bus service that looped the island and linked to a bus service at Kettering, it would enable commuters to travel to work or other residents to travel to town and also visitors/tourists.
Too many people driving dangerously on gravel roads but I like gravel roads. I use a kayak and a boat to avoid the ferry where possible - I am lucky to have these option and resourceful enough to use them
Ideally there would be options for public transport to and from Hobart even if only one service each way every second day. People would plan around the service if they needed it.
A speed limit of 50kph would be appropriate for the "Neck" section. Bruny should have a blanket limit of 80kph for the whole island with lower limits for selected sections.
Public transport should extend to Bruny, including South Bruny. It would be ideal if ferry timetable could be extended further into the evening. There is no option for an Islander to attend an evening event in Hobart (or elsewhere on the mainland) and return home that same evening.
I assume a lot of people would drink drive due to lack of taxi/public transport services.
Reliable ferry service an absolute must. Alter the morning timetable to allow a ferry at 8.00 am not 8.30 and hourly thereafter.
Making the roads safer for cycling and walking should be a priority. The island has potential to be a cycle tourism destination, but it's currently very car dominant. It's disappointing that these questions didn't include alternative, low impact transport modes.
A tourist bus running to schedules -to and from the ferry terminus and circumnavigating the main areas on Bruny would lessen private vehicles-improve road safety, and greatly assist those with transport challenges
In question 17 I find the roads good but I do not use Public transport - these are not the same thing.
The ferry service is good in the sense that it goes on time and there are ferries at reasonable intervals BUT the increase in tourism has impacted very much on when one comes and goes off island.
The Main Rd speed limit should be 50. There are too many blind bends on the North end of Bruny and a major accident is waiting to happen.
Warnings re: animals on road at night/dusk. Need for a 60 kmph limit on Nth Bruny/Killora Rd. Danger of tourists stopping in middle of road/blind corners on Bruny Island Main Rd (North Bruny)
Why do we still have a 45 kmh limit at the neck after sundown when the area is now fenced?
Ferry services during peak summer times need to be addressed.
We hate the machine that chops up the bush by the road!
Public transport is important for kids.
Harvey Rd, Alonnah needs sealing, too much dust in our water tanks
The operator of the ferry does not look after Bruny residents that have recreational vehicles - e.g. caravans and motorhomes.
Can we have a locals only ferry line. And be let off ferry first. Ferry congestion is very, very frustrating.
Need to seal Lighthouse Rd and entire road leading from Lighthouse to Dennes Pt
Due to increasing traffic, consideration should be made to seal more dirt roads - for both safety and

dust
Residents need a priority lane over the tourist season to access the Ferry.
60 kph limit in Barnes Bay is totally inappropriate. Should be 40 kph. Missionary Rd should be 60 kph outside village. Road should be sealed in village - huge dust problem.
Reduce speed limits on road to Dennes Pt. Better maintain gravel road (not sealed)
The dust in Barnes Bay is so bad we have to keep windows closed, it gets in the washing and into the house and water tanks
There has to be an improved ferry service. The fact that you cannot do anything on the mainland even in early evening and return to Bruny is not acceptable. Nor should residents have to queue for the ferry. And the total lack of public transport is a real concern. My partner does not drive and if anything happened to my ability to drive we would simply not be able to access our house in Lunawanna. This really concerns me.
I think there should be a residents lane for ferry in peak times. The ferry should run on summer schedule all year now that the visitor load has increased so much. Maybe a bus to ferry in morning and from ferry in afternoon would be a good idea for aging population. This would have to be coordinated with a bus to Kingston and city from Kettering.
Speeding cars in Lockleys Road Adventure Bay are well over the 50km limit. I have complained on a few occasions to police but have not seen any action against regular speedsters. A serious accident will bring this issue to a head.
Needs a taxi service and a bus service from Adventure Bay to Alonnah commercial hubs/school/hotel. Ferry service hours need to be extended later in the evenings - particularly Friday night. Very limiting to any sort of social life off the island.
The roads in Adventure bay are very poor, lots of pot holes and edging has broken away. Dangerous to drive on when people don't stay to the left. I think transport for elderly is important as we have a growing aged population. Services at the health centre is great but maybe other options should be looked at in the future.
There should be more bus services to help people get around the island, as not everyone has access to a car. The fact that all major hire car companies prevent tourists from taking hire cars to Bruny is a major issues. Obviously the vast majority do it but they are effectively breaking their rental agreements and this would be a major deterrent for a lot of visitors.
No taxi or local area buses.
I travel to Bruny most weeks and sometimes four or five days out of seven, as I run an accommodation rental. I love it when there are two ferries running as I can go over and back in one day easily. The roads need upgrading desperately even if its just to put lines down the middle to keep people on their own side of the road. Camper vans are becoming a problem for me as I can drive all the way to Adventure Bay behind a camper with a long line of cars doing the same. Speed limits for me are ok but would like to see slow slip lanes or over taking lanes as campers are increasing.
A sealed road surface to Dennes point is essential for residents and visitors particularly from a safety aspect. It would also reduce vehicle damage i.e suspension and tyre damage.
The negatives relate to managing congestion - ferry waiting at peak times, and managing speeds of cars in and around communities especially.
Regardless of speed limits and regulations including using hire cars on unsealed roads the ferry service and consideration for other on the roads is terrible. There is absolutely no attempt by the authorities to accept that not everyone has all day to be on the road especially when you are the only local on the ferry with massive caravans, motor homes, boats and hired vehicles.

Persons who own property on Bruny Island deserve to have precedence for the ferry service to and from the Island. We are there all year round, not just a day trip for a tourist. I have experienced this many times on OS travel.
The roads have only become a concern and dangerous in the last couple of years with the arrival of so many tourists. This is a result of the unpredictable behavior of tourists on the roads and in particular gravel road to Dennes Point. At times I fear for our lives!
Question 11 does not compute. I need to hire a car every time I go to Bruny as there is no public transport on Bruny.
Why are the roads so windy? If the telephone poles can run in a straight line why can't the roads?
Bruny ferry service is overall very good and efficient outside the nightmare and bottleneck periods of public holidays and similar. 1-2km queues are totally unsatisfactory. This is also an issue and costly if trying to get contractors/materials on and off the island. Whilst we need to embrace tourism, the increase has worsened the problem.
The ferry service has been improved by the introduction of the second ferry but is still inadequate - it simply can't cope with the volume of traffic. Awaiting with interest the announcements about the new ferry contract, ferry etc. Roads generally are poor and need upgrading - they are not suitable for the volume of traffic the island now experiences.
I just use my car. Thankfully I can drive. It would be difficult for people who can't drive and don't have a car.
Speed limits allow those familiar with the roads to use common sense and drive to the conditions. Visitors need education about slowing down to drive on dirt roads and how to drive in dark night time conditions. The speed limits do NOT need to be reduced to tourist speeds. Tourists should have education to pull over to allow cars to pass, not to speed up on straight sections! The ferry workers are polite and great. However the service is inadequate.
I would like to see a bookable ferry; wider roads to accommodate cyclists with traffic and tourists who (from the look of the accidents) seem unfamiliar with corners; a public transport service could improve ferry congestion, it should be supported with Kettering transport and improved longer term parking at both sides
16 Public transport would be good, but I don't think the population is there for a regular service.
A late ferry on the weekends about 9pm would be good. A bus service so people can go out to dinner and not have to drive home.
Resident priority on ferries. 20km/hr speed limit on dirt roads where residents live in Adventure Bay. The dust is appalling.
Too fast. Need 'wallaby hotspot' zones. Need warnings re: gravel surfaces and bends. Need 'dusk to dawn' everywhere.
Need more dusk to dawn signs. Speed limits need urgent review. Need lowering on gravel and in townships - at night need to be lower than during the day.
Speed limits need to be enforced. We regularly have people speeding - locals and visitors. A volunteer Uber style [form of public transport] might be useful as population ages.
Signs should be at the start of dirt roads indicating large vehicles unsuitable.
North Bruny is difficult to access without your own transport - passenger ferry would be good.
Dedicated R and BI lane for ferry. Concerning that we have to wait in long queues, but the [ferry] staff are lovely.
Don't push for more tourism. Country roads, country folk. Not tourists.
School bus service is important.



Timetable for the ferry is designed for business not considerate of community or school times. Ferry is not coordinated with metro bus service.
Increased number of tourists has really affected ferry wait times
It is a complete mystery that the government has not seen fit to put a booking system on the ferry. Small islands worldwide follow this practice. Benefits are for everyone - ferries are full, the island receives a manageable number of visitors and locals don't have to wait hours to get home.
Until we have sealed roads with line in the middle we will have problems.
People shouldn't complain about the ferry. They knew about it before they came here. Driven lots of roads around the world and in smaller populations that our which have better roads. Lunawanna to Lighthouse is a smash parade. Council wastes so much money that many call it a scam.
More ferries, especially at the end of the day. Too difficult to move when you don't have a car - need bus.
We don't have any public transport, not even taxi or Uber.
Bring our roads up to a suitable safe standard
Need a bus to Kingston - once a week would do. Had trouble getting public bus to Kettering - had to use politicians to force bus service.
You could provide a shuttle bus along the day. And more ferries at late afternoon!
Regarding public transport and tourism transport, it would be nice to see a service that enabled people to walk on to the ferry and be collected on the other side instead of multiple tourism buses taking up space on the ferries.
Need a bus!
Any kind of public transport to and from Bruny would be a great boon.
Several 'slow lanes' for drivers that want to take their time would avoid other driver overtaking in dangerous spots.
I worry that roads previously maintained by Forestry are being let go, which not only limit access to our beautiful bushland, but may hinder firefighters when there are bushfires to combat.
Should be ferry between 5.30 and 7.00 [back to Bruny]
Bus service urgently need to assist locals, tourists, backpackers and could allreviate ferry car numbers if rentals weren't required as the only option to see Bruny
Very important for public transport options for young ones living on bruny.
Very sick of being doused with saltwater on the Bowen. It's not an appropriate vessel for this run. Feel like you take your life in your hands everytime I travel on Adventure Bay Rd with tourists always in the middle of the road and won't get over near the cliffside. Road must be widened and repaired down [East Cove] end.
Permanent residents should have the right of access to ferry. Waiting for long periods and having to folow non-stop slow moving traffic all the way is eventually going to result in serious accidents.
parks and Wildlife need to lift their game - ie Coolangatta Rd; Lockleys Rd, Cuthberts Rd. The Neck speed limits are appropriate. [Public transport] is not viable.
Only one community car - is ONLY public transport. Or kind neighbours.
Bruny Island really needs public transportation. Even though it's going to be a part-time bus, only morning time and dinner time. I can hitch hike, so in my experience I'm confident, but in fact I'm scared to meet new people, then that's going to be hard.
cars getting washed with salt water on Bowen Ferry - not good. Bruny needs a bus service and passenger ferry so tourists leave cars on the other side.
No buses, no taxis, how do young workers get about. How do old folk cope if the Com. Car is full or no

volunteer available today?
I would argue against sealing gravel roads, especially between Alonnah and Lunawanna. Gravel roads are an important part of the relaxed rural aesthetic. Drivers just need to slow down!
I suggest specific land for Bruny residents and business operators The extraordinary rise in tourist numbers? Let's face it has caught everybody by surprise with now opportunity to service and forecast teh requirements for today and the FUTURE increase. Do it right!
Seems to be about visitor numbers on the ferry service. Need a priority for permanant residents so that you felt secure to get on and off the island as needed. Driving skills of visitors not adequate for conditions. Have a community car which relaced a per kilometre subsidy which was paid if taking a needy person off island. Now it is a challenge to line help up and might not be guaranteed.
It would be great to have public transport but difficult to see how it could be made viable
Public transport intra-island not viable. Couldn't live here without my car. Ferry must extend priority to more than just school bus and ambulance/emergency e.g. doctors, pharmacist, residents.
It would be great to have a later ferry e.g. Friday/Sat nights to allow return to BI after an evening event in Hobart etc. It's a huge job maintaining gravel roads. 80km ph is taken as a 'safe' speed - almost never is. Only BI public transport I can think of is school bus, CRS vehicle which are for a defined group. Consider a shuttle bus to lighthouse from an appropriate carpark?
The biggest problem is the number of visitors which impacts the ferry service and the roads. Other islands around Australia have daily limits on visitor numbers and give residents priority on their ferries and Bruny should be the same! We are currently getting higher than maximum vehicles on the Island as the ferries are doing many extra trips. Residents NEED to get on/off island, non-resident landowners and tourists don't, therefore residents absolutely should have priority.
Think before 'improving' road services. "Improvement" means more and faster traffic.
A ferry service (passenger) down/up Channel to Hobart would alleviate many peoples' concerns. Business opportunity for bus (mini) business for residents and tourists a la Brisbane's River Cat Service.
The current ferry system cannot deal with the tourist influx. A 'Resident Only' lane should be provided to allow residents to get to their houses as soon as possible as the ferry is a component of the Tasmanian Highway System, equivalent to a bridge.
When people move to Bruny they do so under existing conditions and service provisions.
Need for a sound second road to exit from Adventure Bay in emergency ie Coolangatta Rd, Wooreddy Rd
There needs to be some form of public transport if possible even if not every day, to connect islanders tothe ferry and thence to buses from Kettering to Hobart.
These services would be greatly improved by a community funded on-island bus service - made possible by an island visitors ferry tariff.
There is a clear need, I feel, for an affordable public transport provision, to and from the ferry, in time with Metro provisions.
We need a community bus made possible by the tourist dollar (tariff) at ferry and also for elderly citizens who cannot drive anymore and want to stay on Bruny. I know we have a community car, but we also need a 'free bus service'.
Major road upgrading - particularly that aimed at improving visitor access will increase pressure on services, lifestyles and the environment. Alternative visitor transport options need to be explored.
Why do both ferries have such long lunches! Residents should have priority over tourists. How can anyone do 90 on Adventure Bay rd? There should be speed humps at The Neck. The community car

should be controlled by the nurses on Bruny like it used to be.
Ferry service is well managed, numbers of visitors poorly managed. We need a daily visitor cap!
I'm surprised that there isn't some form of taxi service (Uber??) available on the island. I imagine a watertaxi service to Kettering and Hobart would be greatly used too.
Adequate ferry capacities are necessary. Need resident priority at Roberts Point in the morning and at Kettering on the evening service.
Transport can be extremely expensive if you need to drive to work and use the ferry everyday. Also, employment is very limited as any early or late starts are entirely out of the question as is shift work.
I understand the roads are a very important issue. There have been vast improvements and has made traveling much better. I understand that residents have issues with leaving and going back onto the Island due to the ferry and the popularity of Bruny Island. I believe it would be a great option to have emergency services be provided with priority access to alleviate some concerns.
Ferry service rendered useless by tourists in season. Ferry service charges locals holiday fares which is disgusting greed.
there are no public transport options which forces more vehicle transport on island. why can we not lead the field. planning to have electric charge points. Discount for electric / hybrid cars in the future. reliable bus service
Re 12, I think that the ferry service helps limit the number of visitors to Bruny, and see this as positive. I am concerned that a major improvement to the frequency and capacity of the ferry service could have detrimental effects because of increased tourist numbers. However, I am fortunate in that I usually have some flexibility in relation to when I travel.
We need to have a priority for residents to come on and off the island. It is not fair for residents to sit in a line for 2-3 hours with kids when you need to get home to feed animals etc. Or when you need to go on and off the island for work. It is very important that this is addressed.
The ferry time table is crap pure and simple. It needs to continue running over mid-day and between 1730 and 1900hrs. The number of visitors is a real problem especially for locals who work on the main-land or who need to travel on a daily basis. Waiting for 1 to 2 hours to get home is unacceptable, even if we voluntarily choose to live on an island. It is time for a new operator with new ideas and maybe a new ferry. The current operator doesn't give a S*&^ about islanders, just the size of his profit at the end of the year.
We do not want sealed roads or footpaths around Killora. We need lower speed limits on all n bruny around Killora - <40kmh for whole north and <20kmh through Killora. We travel to bruny by tinnie so don't use the ferry much.
As mentioned earlier in the survey the road speed limits are fine. The ferry needs to have a priority line for residents.
One bus a few times a day to take people to the major places would be great. Drink driving is an issue here as NO transport to pubs and venues selling alcohol. No option but to drive.
Bus service to ferry and major services desirable but would probably need subsidy. Community car and ride share great for locals but not visitors.
The ferry service is great but the amount of people using it now has rendered it completely inadequate. I'd love to see a ferry arrive at Alonnah for locals only. Set times so we can come and go when we want. Not be left waiting for hours whilst all the tourists take our places.
Negatively impacted by uncontrolled and uncared for Government response to mismanaged tourist expansion.
Where is the public transport on/off island? The Bowen Ferry is not suitable for the crossing.

The ferry service remains under strain with vehicle numbers continually increasing. Living on island and working off makes getting home a real drag.
Roads and speeds are fine but visitors need more education on rules and regulations, where to stop for photography, pull off the road to enjoy the view. Don't increase transport there is enough on the road. Increase education about remoteness!
Bruny Islanders help each other and, I believe, community transport services Tasmania are a great help.
Car pooling and providing assistance for disabled and disadvantaged friends and neighbours is crucial. Some elderly residents will need special transport services.
A 10 seater community bus service could be run from the main centres of Alonnah and Adventure Bay via areas such as Simpsons Bay on a regular basis. Also buses to the ferry and return. I cannot comment on the North Island but would assume the same.
The Bruny Island Ferry should be part of the National and/or State network. Priority lanes for medical services and local residents should exist, especially in peak times. Speed limit on the Neck should be reduced to 40/60 not 60/80 due to the danger of exiting parking area. Far too many signs at the Neck.
Public transport is important only for a small portion of the population.
We are a small rural community - we can't have public transport that is a huge drain on money. Have seen a good offer to community in my last rural home never used by the people who demanded it.
Bruny residents should have a priority lane at the Ferry. The road to the lighthouse should be sealed. Dawn to Dusk speed limit should be 45 kmh, all other times 60 kph.
It is important for younger people and older people to be able to take public transport to Hobart
The ferry shouldn't do fish runds at night - should be just for cars. Bowen not suitable at all. Need two new ferries.
Bruny Island does not have public transport except the Community Car, driven by volunteers, who are excellent. However it is NOT adequate and we need a bus service at least.
[My satisfaction with the ferry service is] seasonal.
The ferry crews do a good job in sometimes difficult circumstances. The road network was mostly adequate before the tourist invasion. Public transport would not be viable.
Road infrastructure needs work.
Peak tourist times are difficult - what about a direct (fast ferry) service from Bruny to Hobart - a passenger ferry via Kingston/Blackmans Bay?
Distance/area and population negate the possibility of a viable local transport business. A locally/community owned vehicle serviced by volunteers would suffice in the short term.
Priority given to permanent and part time residents on the ferry would be beneficial, particularly during peak times.
Better ferry service and road upgrades.
For people without a reliable car social life and medical visits are difficult. The transport support service is co-ordinated off-island and is poor.
The ferry timetable is very limited at night. Can't go to off-island meetings or entertainment without going to overnight accommodation. It would be great to have mini-buses going from main settlement areas to Hobart and all stops on the way.
Ferry contract must be set up to anticipate tourism expansion – resident's priority, booking system.
Reduction in speed limits on North Bruny essential. More 'Dawn to Dusk' signs.
See Biosphere/region recommendation. Have approached State Growth with FONB recommendation for reduced speed etc...'No appetite for change' was the response. Now we have to go to Council and

they to State Growth. State Government abrogation again.
There should be a night time ferry so that Bruny people can visit the mainland at night (e.g. restaurant, cinema). Often the road signs very quickly change so that some are wrong. Many blind turns on the Dennes Pt dirt road could be better marked. This road should be wider in places to be safer.
The lack of an evening ferry is a great barrier to attending evening meetings – Council or other. Even once a month would be better than none ever!
Reliable access to the ferry needs to be created for residents, so that they can access employment and services on the mainland.
Resident lane for peak loading. Bulk tourist transport over individual cars.
Road speed in Barnes Bay completely inadequate. Speeds inappropriate for most interstate/international guests. Why are roads not limited to a safe speed.
I cannot see how public transport on Bruny would be cost effective. Residents already pay for the ferry – it should be free to full time residents. The speed limits need to be reduced on ALL unsealed roads in Barnes Bay – they need to be maximum 60 kph on unsealed.
Would like to be given priority on the ferry when going to specialist's appointments in Hobart. Coolangatta Rod need major work done as does Lockleys Rd and Lighthouse Rd.
I would feel more secure if I felt there was priority for Bruny residents to access the ferry. At present if I have an important appointment I have to spend a night in Hobart to be sure I can access the appointment if it is before 10.30 am.
Need a public bus to Hobart 2 times a day.
We need at least one other copper – most certainly during holiday periods and probably full time eventually. Very important to have bus service linking with a town run.
With the Ferry Service – it is becoming increasingly inadequate with the huge increase in tourists. Speed limits – the 60 km sign coming north through Great Bay should be moved further south. Many drivers exceed the limit when passing our property, making our exit dangerous.
I5 – generally appropriate – but needs more enforcement. In great Bay the 60 km zone needs to be extended towards the Neck. Real danger of a collision at the bend near 2 <sup>nd</sup> (south) 60 sign due to failure of drivers to slow down. Should be a small tax on each tourist coming onto the Island to have pay for extra infrastructure etc.
My response is selfish because we have no transport problems at this stage. I see no easy or potentially successful option for public transport on the island to be viable.
My main concern is with road users who should not be on our roads.
Bruny Main Rd through to Alonnah OK most of the way and speed limits are fine as is – including the Neck. But the road from Alonnah to Lunawanna needs to be sealed also – much traffic heading to winery, Lighthouse and Cloudy Bay. So much money wasted on resurfacing and grading – just seal the road!
Currently self sufficient for personal transport. Generally ferry services good when travelling off peak periods. Heavy tourist traffic volume creating havoc on gravel roads.
School bus route extended to Cloudy Bay Rd in the picture would be great.
Speed limits on Lighthouse and Cloudy Bay roads are too high. 80km/h is far too high for the state of the roads. It's very dangerous.
The road from Adventure Bay to Alonnah wants fixing – instead of being patched all the time.
With the increase in visitors to the island, there must be a residents land introduced for the ferry.
It's a choice to live on Island. With that come restrictions. Don't blame others for choices we make.
I am not happy with the timetable for our ferry. It's hopeless if you are trying to commute to Hobart for

work each day. Residents need priority on the days before/after each public holiday.
As I commute to Kingston five days a week the change to one ferry and the increased number of visitor cars allowed on the island each day is now impacting on my daily journey.
We feel the ferry service absolutely need upgrading.
More 'pull over' road side areas of large vehicles.
Ferry should run hourly with no long lunch break, or long break between 5.30 and 7.00 PM.
Bruny residents should have priority lanes at ferry terminals. On unsealed roads speed limits should be reduced.
So many 80km signs – really? Dirt roads demand lower speeds, especially at dusk, dawn and night, if (most important) wildlife are safe.
I will never understand why the permanent Islanders have not had preference over everyone else except major emergencies on the ferry.
Kingborough Council need to inspect metal roads regularly and get the roads graded on a regular basis – not once a year!
I would like to see permanent residents be able to give family members a reduced price on the ferry, e.g. \$16.00 same as a resident.
Would like to see dedicated bike paths.
Speed limits on dirt roads are too high with the tourism traffic.
Ferry queue is terrible. Ferry service itself is great. Locals priority would be amazing during busy times.
A bus to the ferry and from ferry to Hobart would be great!
I am not satisfied with the Bruny ferry because the operator is not helping the Bruny people.
With the new road at the 'neck' a huge improvement. Gravel roads are necessary due to low population and are satisfactory as long as they are regularly graded. Main Road is in good state. Need public bus. If possible I'd like to see preference given to residents on the ferry – I realise it could be very messy sorting out the eligible and logistics of 'lanes' etc but Islanders have responsibilities at home and it is frustrating waiting on tourists.
The 'Bowen' is inadequate in certain conditions...we pay to get sprayed with salty water!
We work/travel around the ferry times. If it ran longer hours and more frequently, that'd be great but it's not essential for us. Due to the high traffic volumes, all main roads should be sealed for safety and environmental (dust) reasons. Includes Lighthouse Rd.
Many streets in Alonnah are not paved and the consequent dust settles in gutters – negatively affecting drinking water.
No public transport. Road in very poor condition.
Hard for old people and disabled if can't drive. No taxi service, if needed.
Adventure Bay Rd is too narrow now for the traffic and in poor condition and especially for passing and following behind heavier vehicles i.e. trucks and carvans and motorhomes. Ferry service needs to be overhauled. Timetable is crap in the early morning.
Road from Alonnah to Lunawanna needs to be sealed ASAP. Need provision of pull off lanes for slow moving vehicles to allow built up traffic to pass safely. Need overtaking lane up hill from ferry at Roberts Point.
The road speeds must be reduced, Taroona with sealed roads is 50km/h – we have dirt roads with many tourists and speed limits can be 70/80/90km/h. Many more people are now walking and cycling and these speed limits make it simply incompatible.
No need for resident land for ferry. It's not hard to work around busy times.



Speed limits need to be lowered all over Bruny for the sake of wildlife and to reduce accidents. Tourist information on how to drive on Bruny in multiple languages needs to be provided somehow.
Really good road from the Roberts Point terminal to Adventure Bay turn off – then bumpy sealed to the Bay and Alonnah – dirt roads are too dangerous for tourists.
The ferry has limited capacity at any time. During the expanding tourist season it is very noticeable to be inadequate. The vehicle capacity is too limited and the timetable is way too limiting.
Local businesses, essential services and residents need a priority lane for the ferry.
Would be great to see ferry coordinate with buses. Would be very helpful to commuting workers to have more regular ferries at start and end of day (7/7.30/8 and 5.30/6/6.30/7).
This healthy, able bodied, car-driving young person thinks that it is just peachy!
I can manage my times to suit less busy ferry times, but sometimes it would be nice to be able to travel on the ferry exactly when I want. However, I'd rather have fewer ferries, hence fewer tourists.
The ferry has made improvements with the two ferries. There needs to be some consideration for residents for access especially for important appointments.
The stretch of road between the Berry Farm and the 'Welcome to Adventure Bay' sign should have speed limit reduced. Lots of people walking across road – plus lots of road kill.
I feel unsafe on roads that are used by tourists who stop when they feel like it, on the middle of the road and suddenly. Why is a sign that you drive on the left side of the road in English only? Why can I not guarantee, as a resident, to be on the ferry but buses and tourists clog up the ferry? The influx of tourist buses and tourists has made catching a ferry at certain times a gamble. Doctor's and other appointments are sometimes impossible to keep. A resident's line would be helpful!
With regard to question I3, the ferry is the obvious way to collect the visitor levy, which has many compelling reasons for its introduction and is used beneficially on popular island destinations around the world. Co-ordinating a 'Bruny Bus' with the ferry is obviously essential.
If you live on the Island you need to be independent.
A courtesy bus to the pub would be nice.
Locals line at the ferry. Reduction of fares for trades – if you build you pay less. A tourist levy with proceeds to go to infrastructure, rubbish bins, road kill cleaned up etc. Levy also tourists arriving off cruise boats directly.
Slower speeds to protect people, protect animals, protect road. Lighthouse Rd has become quite dangerous with the increase in traffic, my preference is that it remains unsealed but speed limit be reduced and people (visitors) be made aware that it's a country road and they can't expect to drive to the max 80km/h (maybe fix the corners?)
Buses needed to meet passengers who arrive on foot to tour them around the island (this takes place on the mainland).
For me personally I have no problem but think there is room for improvement for lots of Bruny residents and tourists needs – like a bus.
North Bruny – I am very uncomfortable driving on parts of this road as mentioned – bends and edges. Overall lower speed limit and lower still in specific places. Better upkeep.
Two ferries haven't solved the transport problem, they've just doubled the number of visitors – getting to and from the island requires lots of planning especially on public holidays.
Current 2017-18 volume of tourists/visitors is total unsustainable. 3-5 hours ferry queue in peak times for residents, shackies and tradies is unjust. Bruny is home and the ferry service part of the National Highway
Asian drivers are a danger on the road. Their driving skills are appalling. Signage is inadequate

especially on the one lane bridges on South Bruny – an accident will close access off the island for guests at [deleted identifies individual].
The road cannot cope with all the tourists especially the poor (i.e.) Asians. The roads that were adequate for locals are being wrecked by so much traffic and extra heavy vehicles. Can never be sure to catch a ferry for appointments etc because all the tourists.
Ever-increasing number of visitors/tourist has adverse impact on daily island life, especially affecting local use of ferry and our road system and some services.
Changes need to be made to Roberts Point access to ferry. Dangerous, unsafe practice of driving down the wrong side of the road when traffic is heavy. Emergency vehicles are put in a very dangerous position.
A public transport bus could be a great service to locals and visitors – linking with a Hobart bus to Kettering all year (more in peak).
Would like a bus to pick up passengers and take them to the ferry and to Hobart and Kingston for shopping.
50 km/h zone in Alonnah is way too long, especially from Lunawanna side. 60km/h past Cheesery too long also.
Everyone who moves to the island should understand the ferry and transport. (Full buses are needed to provide a viable public bus – not going to happen). Go to other islands in Australia that has vehicle transport – we are so lucky and the cost is great.
Sealed roads on South Island are very poor and cannot cope with the increased usage. Speed limits on all dirt roads are too high! Logistically public transport on Bruny too difficult, needs a 'booze bus' to limit drink driving. Ferry desperately needs an upgrade and more efficient timetable.
Some sort of public transport, probably a bus, would be great for some locals but also may reduce vehicle numbers if visitors only have a few destinations in mind for a day trip. The ferry has struggled to manage car numbers.
Speed limit signs are often inappropriate – too high for visitors unused to winding and unsealed roads. A bus would be great North and South even for locals who need to get to the ferry.

Good active arts scene. Often same old faces but still interesting. Need more live music and regular venues.
The Health Centre's programs were amazing, they have now gone! You can access classes but at a cost and not everyone can afford this. We have an amazing collection of halls - they need to be used!
The arts event that could be a model for future publicly and privately funded events on Bruny was the installation and concert based on Bruny Island Neck, which was part of MONA FOMA a few years back at the Alonnah Hall. Utterly memorable! Much more could be made of the island's indigenous culture and history. I would like to see TMAG liaise with the owners of the Bligh Museum in particular about the lamentable panel on Indigenous life on Bruny and in general to see how this unique assemblage of historical documents could be better conserved, curated and presented to the public more effectively.
I guess we love Bruny so in the end we make do but I personally miss a bit of nightlife and it would be great to have more than one place to eat out at night!
There are many informal recreation activities to do on Bruny that are amazing. Sea kayaking, walking, fishing, surfing, jumping off the jetty! skate boarding, swimming in the ocean... We were committed to provide opportunities for our children to be exposed to more organised sports as well such as gymnastics at Kingborough, football at Kingborough. I am glad we did that for our kids. As a parent it is hard yakka at times to make the effort to travel, but some of us car pooled and linked sport in with shopping etc. that needed to be done off island.
I am very self-sufficient and my social life and preferred activities don't need any organisation! If there was a painting group, I would join it. But you come to Bruny for walks on the beaches, and enjoying fabulous scenery. If you want sport and recreation, live up by the Kingborough Leisure Centre! I would like more information boards for visitors about indigenous culture, and am pleased that some indigenous events were held last year.
A community house would be fantastic as a base for education programs. More public art works.
Work towards a swimming pool - maybe an ocean pool or one attached to the Health Centre for laps.
All these items are the fabric of what makes a good community and should be given a high priority in planning and support to make Bruny a successful community
A community indoor heated swimming pool would be a great asset to improve health and recreation opportunities.
Some of the walking tracks need maintaining, eg, the historical slide track, and road improvements to the start of the Mt Mangana walk and through the forest to Lunawanna need consistent maintenance to turn this area into a tourist route.
People here are good at organising themselves. Support from Council and State government goes a long way.
Tremendous to see 'new' initiatives like the Bruny Island Art Prize, MONA FOMA on Bruny, Film Society, Dennes Pt Art Shop etc happening in addition the great traditional events such as the Woodchop, CWA exhibitions, Pistol Club fireworks etc. There are plenty of informal social gatherings on Bruny all year round.
More artists, bands, festivals, events on Bruny would be amazing. Especially for the younger generation.
As a part time cyclist the road network is not conducive to safe cycling, lack of paths/wider roads etc.
I have noticed a distinction between long term locals and newer arrivals. Many newer arrivals forget what they have come here for (peace, quiet, beautiful natural environment) and want to change too many things on the Island too quickly. Have also noticed a "north/south" rivalry on the Island.

We have amazing people and opportunities the halls etc need to be supported
An increase in live music would be very welcome. (there are several venues available that are currently under utilised)
The indigenous culture question is important. I believe that all cultures should be able to enact their local traditions for their maintenance and wellbeing of their community. This should include pastimes that may not be legal for non indigenous people (such as crayfishing in The Channel using traditional means if that was a traditional pastime - this is an example not based on any knowledge). I am reluctant however for traditional owners to lock up lands (protecting sites of importance excluded such as middens) as I feel this enhances segregation and resentment rather than the opposite in a small community.
I don't feel there is enough of interest to me personally to have any significant impact on my life. I go to Hobart for this.
Whilst we don't yet reside permanently on Bruny we have explored the options available for social events, clubs, organisations, recreation and cultural experiences. Locals that we have met have been diverse in their personalities and interests, yet everyone seems to have found their "outlet". There seem to be options for most interests as well as the option to "opt out" and enjoy seclusion!
We would love for our children to learn to sail and us so I am angling for a Bruny Island sailing club in the north! More marine-based recreational/environmental activities for little people. Otherwise we see lots of interesting events advertised..
As a shackie I am happy with what I can access, I may feel different if I were a permanent resident
The many arts and cultural events I've experienced on the island since 1997 have disappeared as the main drivers of these events have moved on and no one with their talents, skills and motivation has stepped up to the mark. So we have lost the long-running KidsArtzone, the art exhibitions, the artists' trails, the fabulously successful musical productions – all of which require huge commitments timewise as I well know having been involved in most of them from 2007 – 2015. There are plenty of noisy newcomers in the community who could be participating but the only contributions they seem to make are to criticize and verbally abuse other members of the community on Bruny Notices. The island has changed and is not the place I knew and loved. SAD!!
Walking on a beach costs nothing. Bruny needs a bigger, better equipped gym to encourage people to use it. Preventative health is the best kind of health
I am here for the environment not culture or people but I like galleries and cafes as a social forum
Bruny Social/Cultural/Recreational pursuits tend to be unique to Bruny....which makes it special.
Being a part timer and coming to the island a couple of times a year events are important to us as it gives us a formalised way of meeting people informally. The events we have gone to like the Easter show at Alonnah, Open Day at Murrayfield and the markets at Dennes Point have all been fun events. We just wish we had more opportunities to take advantage of events.
I have guests who would like to attend arts and social events but I can only offer the Bruny news that I keep on the coffee table.
My recreation is flying and as such I have no real concerns -unless they close the airstrip- otherwise it seems good.
Keep up the good work with existing events like the open home art weekend.
I'm just into walking so easy for me.
I'm generally pretty over so much of Tasmania being named by and after old white, often European, men; Bruny has too few exceptions to that.
The events are good, but i wish they were more frequent.

Most residents in Adventure Bay are engaged in fishing activities. We need decent access to beach launching of our boats at both ends of Adventure Bay. Even if the weather was in the right direction for launching a boat at the far end boat ramp, you can't park in the area put aside for boat trailers because Pennicot's tourists have taken up the space, or they block you in while you are out fishing. The access to the beach at the southern end of Adventure Bay needs fixing properly.
No late ferry. Long distance to Alonnah etc. It would be great to be able to enrich life by going off the island and to theatre etc. [Should be a late] ferry everyday.
We are ruled by the ferry timetable - no late night ferries, no evening meals and social life off the island - no theatre, concert etc unless one goes to the extra expense of paying for accommodation.
I would like to see more acknowledgement and accessibility to its historical sites.
Let us respect the past, but not forget that we are here now. I am fourth generation Islander. I count too!
Arts culture was solid once but is no longer.
Age 86 so can only go for short walks but have plenty of sewing knitting etc to do. After breaking my ankle are often too tired to travel much.
Bruny Island Bird Festival is wonderful and should have permanent funding.
Would like to see another gallery.
I am a bit tired of the [indigenous culture] issue.
Access to above [is difficult due to no public transport]
I need a gym...
A few volunteers just give til their finders bleed. Others don't lift a finger. e.g. Easter Carnival - free entry - all kids stuff free? We ask for a donation from adults because due to configurations of hall/oval/cricket etc we can't man the entrances. Cheap/affordable day out for all - well supported in general.
The best of culture on Bruny is run by residents, rather than 'big events'. A government fund to maintain these where needed would be a good move.
I WANT A GOLF COURSE
Again having enjoyed programs run from the Health Centre they were varied, fun, provided community ties through a cross section of residents. They are much missed.
See comments (education) re: a dedicated community centre with paid manager organising education/recreation/cultural activities
Difficulty in getting some arts activities to run because of smallish population. BI has hugely important Indigenous history - being more and more acknowledged. Nayri Niara was terrific.
I see Bruny as a place to escape from many of the things one would expect in the city.
No local art activities, no physical fitness classes at Health Centre, not many visiting performances anymore. Film Society and Choir only regular arts events.
What 'Island's Indigenous culture'?
More take away style food outlets for visitors and event programs
Most type of activities one could want are available.
Drivers need more education about and improved attitudes towards, cyclists. I host many cyclists, and there are too many incidents of blatant disregard and inconsiderate behaviour towards cyclists.
The exercise programs need to come back.
I love visiting and hope that the atmosphere always remains.
I would like to see more plaques such as the Trugannin plaque acknowledging the indigenous history and the site of massacres, its part of our shared history

Re J2, I have no information to work on in trying to answer this question. I really have no idea.
What's currently available throughout the year is generally pretty good. But again the north / south divide is the limiting factor. This shows in the upcoming Easter events where there are competing events being held in the north and the south - only because the organising committees / persons cannot or wont talk to each other. Its bloody pathetic.
No transport on island hinders socialisation as cannot drink and drive.
Distances and wildlife on road deters travelling at night for social/cultural events. Bus service/charter for larger events a good idea.
I would like to see the health centre return to a proactive/preventative centre not just a building for doctors. Bring back weights and BIFFO and other preventative activities
Recreation adversely affected by non-compliant tourist operator without local government management of marine by-laws, road usage, parking.
Favourite activities are bushwalking, swimming, snorkelling and idling. All free and easily reached on Bruny. If the Council were to build a Petanque Pitch in Alonnah I wouldn't go against it!
Some recreational/cultural activity requires special trips. This is understood/part of Island life - no complaint.
A small cinema in Alonnah might encourage young people to gather elsewhere than the pub.
[Indigenous Culture] is tricky! We should not forget the brutality of European invasion. But, is there now Indigenous culture here? I think not.
Swimming Pool?
Would welcome a golf course
I use quite a few social opportunities - some groups welcome, others not - not reliant on much to fit with community, just involved when I like.
There are many artists on Bruny. What is needed is a central display, retail outlet that could be staffed by artists on rotation, so that their art is available to tourists.
Would be good to have bus transport so can drink and socialise safely and get to and from event.
Again, it is a matter of transport to attend these events when not able to drive and especially exercise classes at out Health Centre which keep people active and able to stay on Bruny.
I don't know anything about the Island's Indigenous culture specifically.
Indigenous culture is all a bit fake.
There is no social life in Bruny at night for young people.
Decriminalisation and legalisation of cannabis for recreational and medicinal personal use is important to me and my cultural life. Non-stigmatisation of cannabis users is important to me.
Recreation, culture and 'social life' on Bruny is the bedrock of the community.
Need a communal/Community House to pursue favourite activities and bring back preventative health care
I object strongly to signs indicating that an invasion took place. Such comments are divisive. Every homo sapien in this country came from other lands, albeit 50,000 years ago.
I think cultural events add greatly to our enjoyment of life and it'd be great to have more celebrations of islander culture. But again the ferry is a significant limiting factor as are facilities and infrastructure. I'd personally love to see an Indigenous Music Festival held on Murrayfield and a Bruny Island Regatta and celebration of maritime hisotry (including indigenous building globally). Could all get included in Islander Culture. Literary Festival?
Visitor numbers have overtaken the enjoyment and use of hte beaches and quite places where could relax and enjoy the environment - or walk



Is it important to provide recreation and cultural activities, especially for children and families living on Bruny Island – i.e. plays, music, theatre, film, art etc
Some events in winter
Would be good if there were more functions that the whole island attended. Art classes would be great. Why is there a Mens Shed and not a Womens' Shed or Combined Shed?
Individual social interaction is wonderful but 'public' events seem to be few and far between. I have heard that the publican discourages locals and prefers tourists who spend \$300.00. That is disappointing. Are there Arts grants available to encourage the arts on Bruny?
Acoustic treatment of Lennon Hall is essential for positive social and arts activity on North Bruny. This is a government infrastructure issues.
Low impact events are positive.
There should be a focus on low impact activities e.g. Bird Festival, Arts etc not just tourism and bringing more cars and campers to the island.
Need more arts events, I myself am working on this.
[Indigenous culture] is a much neglected issue – a better knowledge of the race occupying the island for thousands of years could only enhance interest in the place and respect for the race who thrived in difficult conditions for so long, so well.
For a small community I think Bruny Island does very well in the provision of social life. Some people work very hard to provide events such as film nights, exhibitions, library, Mens' Shed etc. Our sincere thanks to them all!
Difficult to link with cultural activities, workshops, course elsewhere due to the absence of a late night ferry service.
I would like to see the organised social outing from the Health Centre such as garden tours; walks; exercise classes to complement the art and CWA exhibitions.
Social life in our neighbourhood is good.
J5: A good thing – but don't keep on about them all the time. There are other people about to care about.
Social life on Bruny is what you make it. If you want to be a socialite there is plenty of opportunity. If you prefer to be a recluse then that is also possible.
Fix the tennis net at Dennes Point perhaps given fundraising allowed creation of basic court infrastructure.
Sailing, music and the wild animals give me a lot of pleasure, with a small amount of social life thrown in.
I find Indigenous Tasmania's chequered past as very difficult to judge what is socially acceptable, when there are little to no indigenous locals.
I come here for peace and quiet – so all good.
There are sufficient sports clubs, fitness activities, 'rent a hall' cheap prices.
Be great if Bruny had a swimming pool i.e. lap pool with volunteers running the show. The western side of the Health Centre would be perfect for it. Heated by the sun and glass enclosure.
Bruny Island needs a community run swimming pool – running costs cut by volunteers providing services.
I make my favourite activities/social life to suit Bruny – there's lots to do here if people seek it out. It would be good to have a skillshare/workshop swap in the future.
In many respects there is more going on in Bruny than other Tasmanian places. Access for students to sporting activities is limited. The school – with parent support – has a soccer team. A shame Little

Athletics is no longer.
A gym open after hours would be good for those who work/go to school. Would be good for when the weather is poor too. After school sporting activities for school aged children would be good. A proper community facility would be good too – a shared space for different groups, both sporting and arts.
BI Health Centre has a gym which is being used by a few residents (about 5 at last count!). Residents need to use this service for preventative health especially as they age. This will enable residents to stay at home longer as they are strong and healthy. More people need to use the gym or the island will lose it.
As a surfer the tourist boom has led to Cloudy Bay being more like Byron Bay – super crowded – the carpark can't cope. If you call somewhere paradise you kiss it goodbye. It's nearly time to leave.
It's rich.
Adventure Bay - parking for vehicles with boat trailers non-existent, as taken up by passengers on tours. Both boat ramps hard to use – poorly designed. Need a new ramp for recreational boats to use safely with good, low pontoons. Road between existing ramps very narrow and dangerous.
Couple of years ago a musical group came to play one evening at the Jetty Café. Nibbles were served. I would seriously appreciate more of that nature.
The problem with arts and cultural events on Bruny is the transport to and from the Island!
There are plenty of opportunities for a range of recreational pursuits – except for the elderly. BIRCH monthly excursions and lunches need to be reinstated and preventative health programs especially for 50+ aged group.
I believe any history indigenous or white is important but I don't believe the people who are one part indigenous should have any more voice or rights – they are more white than anything else.
Bruny is not your normal community and this difference is a major aspect of its appeal to many and we do not need the baggage/trapping of other less fortunate areas.
My recreational activities on Bruny are nature walking, swimming, kayaking. Tourism has impacted by lack of toilets, bins, as I find heaps of rubbish, human faeces/paper on tracks, beaches and in off road car parks. High numbers of visitors need more infrastructure.
I have a social group and don't need to attend everything. Yes I go to Hobart frequently to socialise. All those original island indigenous descendants have the same acknowledgement and respect as the first white island descendants, and I believe that is so.
Limited access to a wide range of sport and recreation (varies from person to person based on interests). Social activities centred around school/senior citizens and family (difficult if you do not belong to any of these groups). Always integral to acknowledge Indigenous cultures. Can be expensive to travel to Hobart for sport/recreation/culture.
Luckily we have good and nice people nearby. Recreational facilities are limited. Services for the aged limited.
A lot of organisations have meetings and hold events during work hours. This excludes me personally from Choir, CWA, Historical Society and "Men's Shed" which should be renamed Community Shed to include women.

I love my Bruny Life. It's a very busy one but I enjoy being busy and helping people. I'd like to see a stronger permanent population here
A squeeze in interest rates will slow growth. I've seen a few cycles down here.
We visited Bruny for the first time in October 2015, with our 2 primary school aged children. We fell in love with the place, for its outstanding beauty, diverse landscapes, amazing local food, friendly people and sense of community. The following January we bought a block of land at Alonnah and have now just finished the first 12 months of our first venture into short term rental, which has exceeded our expectations in terms of bookings and ratings. We employ local people to manage our property, and are pleased that we can give others the "Bruny" experience as well.
Love it and I think we have capacity. Tourism - more and I think we will have a problem. Roads are dangerous at time with tourists not understanding how to drive on unsealed surfaces.
A little bigger isn't a problem. There's lots of vacant land amongst the existing village boundaries. But size will be dictated by the economy and the perceived standard of living - either residency or shackie. I personally think that the more Eco accommodation offerings are exactly what the island wants and should be encouraged. But Tasmania will wane at some point as a visitor economy hot spot and then we will be bemoaning the lack of activity.
More kids at the school would be good but there is not enough work for most families to stay here.
There seem to be opportunities awaiting for those that can 'think outside the square' on Bruny in terms of lifestyle and employment/self employment options. Bruny Island seems to attract retirees that are looking for a quiet lifestyle, artistic types looking for inspiration and the dream life, as well as people with some vision for maximising opportunities as they develop. We would like to see Bruny grow a LITTLE in terms of permanent population in the next ten years, but at the same time we would like everything to be as it is NOW when we are able to become permanent residents in the next 10 years (fingers crossed for an early retirement!!). We want to live on, and love the Island as it is today, with the aforementioned improvements to services and infrastructure in the near future. Whilst we understand that forward progress and exposure of the Island will increase the tourist traffic and investment interest in Bruny we would love to see the perfect balance achieved between growth and preservation (idealists...yep!) When we finally drove onto our "road" on our property on a recent visit, the impossible suddenly seemed possible. We own a piece of one of the most amazing places in Australia, a place of true inner peace, beauty, majesty and never ending surprises...our Nirvana!
Bruny needs to adapt and grow, but not move too far from its main appeal.
I think a small increase in permanent residents over the next 10 years would benefit Bruny in helping to increase jobs and better our infrastructure. Therefore it will flow i=on to helping the Island cope with increased Tourism and will hopefully help to lessen the impact while helping us to retain what it is that makes Bruny so special.
I liked Bruny as it was pre tourism boom. Quiet, beautiful and isolated. I get the tourism has good points, increase working opportunity for the local community. But it also is a worry just how busy the place has become, I feel concerned that the island might not cope well with the attention, become over developed and we will loose that natural quiet beauty that we all love, the exact thing thats bringing these tourist to the island in the first place. it would be a real shame to loose that bruny charm.
We need turn out areas / overtaking lanes on roads. Also need driving education for tourists. Suggest 'ambassadors' on the ferry
I would like to throw out a challenge to all accommodations on Bruny - use cleaning products that are not harmful to the environment. Another challenge is to have incentives for not using single use

coffee cups and water bottles. Bus tours should include in their cost a drink bottle and carry a water container for refills. Bruny needs to go plastic bag free!!
If Bruny is to retain its school, health, police and volunteer services (e.g. fire service), it is important to increase its permanent population, in particular those with young families. In appointing police, teaching, health staff, find a way to target those with families. This may require finding the means to make additional mid-length accommodation available.
A better ferry service to entice tourism as well as access to the wider Tasmanian community for locals, with tourism come more jobs therefore more people moving to the island, with more people living on the island, infrastructure like schools, parks, services ect and other opportunities arise
Tourism can be managed well if governments and council are prepared to invest money and work with residents and locals about issues facing their lifestyles. Due to Bruny's uniqueness, we must be extremely careful with how tourism is managed. As a shack owner, we have been alarmed at the amount of animals that are being killed on the roads at the moment.
I think the primary school could benefit from more children attending. When we first started with our children there were around 70 kids. Now there are about 45. It is a big difference. I hope the economy can diversify and we don't become just another tourist island like Phillip Island in Victoria. I think there could be much to learn from community bodies on these other islands, like Kangaroo Island, and links to them could be beneficial to learn from their mistakes. I hope the spirit and essence of Bruny is not lost amongst the commercialisation, and we become just another tourist island.
There needs to be more infrastructure (including safe transport options) to cope with the current level of tourism. And perhaps even consider capping the number of visitors per day (including via bus tour)?
I'm not sure what the day trip versus stay overnight numbers are but looking at the masses of people that come over I wonder a) where do they eat? b) what do they do whilst on Bruny? We had to wait 1 1/2 for toasted sandwiches (!! ) at the cafe just past adventure bay turnoff on rd to alonnah because they were flat out and understaffed. We won't go back there now unless car park is empty.
I don't want tourism and the business owners to destroy the peace, tranquillity and beauty of Bruny for their dollars, hip pocket, bank balance. There is more than enough touristy things on Bruny now. We don't need any more.
I love the island and so do the large number of visitors from the UK and interstate whom I bring to stay with me on the island. They all enthuse about the peace, the unspoiled scenery and the retreat atmosphere of the island, particularly up at Dennes Point. And I think it is great that, if you can't afford huge prices, you can rent a place at the caravan park at Adventure Bay and have a fantastic holiday, children are safe, the beach is across the road and it is so good to see children doing outside stuff,, instead of being indoors hooked on computer games. I love the fact that my 'night-time safaris', where I drive my guests VERY SLOWLY! along the roads at Killora at night and can spot quolls, possums, pademelons etc - and I never see another car on these trips. PLEASE don't extend the ferry hours beyond 7 p.m. - it would be a disaster for our wonderful wildlife! Finally they say that the happiest communities are those where the difference between the wealthiest and the least well-off is small: the house price variations on Bruny would illustrate that this is indeed an ideal place! Let's keep it that way!
Do not think we should increase the ferry timetable/ access to the island as a way of controlling access and impact of too many visitors and to maintain a certain amenity for the residents
Although we have only owned property here for the past 2 years or so we visited Bruny often over the

years and the difference just in the past 12-18 months or so has been very noticeable in terms of increased tourism and general 'busyness' at the major 'tourist' sites. We didn't come here at Easter because of the crowds and increased road traffic. Of course people must be able to visit this amazing island as tourists but certain restrictions might have to be considered so that the appeal of Bruny as 'unspoilt' can be maintained. This has been said many times by many people but there really does have to be a balance between progress/development and protecting a way of life that's special to so many people.
As a shack owner it was 4 1/2 hours to get to Bruny on Good Friday and 3 1/2 hour return on Easter Monday is unacceptable. We try to avoid peak times but this year it was unavoidable. When there are 5 commercial buses taking considerable space on ferries this needs to be rostered to lessen the impact on residents and rate payers. It appears some companies now walk some of their customers on and have buses either side. With improved infrastructure this could assist in reducing travel times especially if any new ferries cater for this and infrastructure is provided to park and walk.
More education for tourists about respect for the environment, eg, cutting green trees at camping areas. Continued pressure for council to lobby hire car companies to ensure international tourists have an appropriate drivers license. (A national drivers license rather than an irrelevant international license).
A strong community of well educated, secure and engaged citizens can cope with change. The top priority is the careful stewardship of this very beautiful part of beautiful Tasmania. That seems to be the main concern of those I talk with. I wonder what this survey will discover.
Tourists are being encouraged to come to the island but there is not the infrastructure to support them. Limit the visitors!!! Make it a unique experience not mainstream.
Very relaxed lifestyle.
It can be hard to see the tourism for some people but when you see that people build house and cut trees to spend 1 week per year on the island it is easy to point in the direction of people who are here for one day.
Concern with tourism is the ferry ability to deal with the demand. Local tourists who travel for the day will not continue to do so if up to 7 hours is required for travel.
Bruny is a special place in the world. But it won't be for much longer if we continue to think more and more tourists is the only way.
If we are going to have more visitors and more locals we have to be serious about infrastructure eg water supply how mad is it to take trucks off island to bring water from Margate to fill tanks so tourists can take a dump. If tourism is carbon neutral then that example must make you eat your hat.
Permanent residents are preferable to short-term visitors who are constantly on the road.
Tourism is only positively affecting a few operators and negatively impacting on the lifestyle and ease of access for the general Bruny population and infrastructure.
More permanent residents will enable more spending on infrastructure. Without the additional infrastructure, the current levels of tourism will damage the island's environment. Toilets and shower need to be built to sustain current levels of tourist traffic. Consider a levy for tourist Buses and rental cars to be spent on increased facilities.
Funny word 'aim' - it would imply that we have a choice.
We love Bruny, it's a fine line balancing what is good for Bruny in regards to Tourism and what is good for Bruny in regards to the very reasons why people choose to live here! Development needs to be sensitive to the environment and its resources, the Island needs services that make it a viable place to live, but this all needs to happen whilst balancing the needs of the tourist dollar and the residents.

love of our Island.
The rapid increase in tourism that has escalated to mass tourism has created a lot of angst and frustration on the island. The apparent lack of road skills and understanding of road signs by Asian visitors makes driving on the island a bit like playing Russian roulette. I resent the fact that our local shop in Adventure Bay, that exists for the local community, has been hijacked by tourists, so if I want to post a letter, collect my mail or buy something I have to do it before 9am or after 6pm. We moved to Bruny to enjoy a quiet lifestyle and be part of a small community. That has been destroyed by mass tourism – more increases (that we are being told is on the Government's agenda) will make life unbearable, except for the fact that I now have a small unit off the island where I can go to escape the daily invasion of strangers. At least in my other home in Kingston I am amongst Tasmanians going about their daily lives and not tourists. Trespassing by tourists on private land, including residential blocks in Adventure Bay, to take photos of wildlife; tourists harassing wildlife such as wallabies and native hens.
Tourism is a double edged sword
Sustainable tourism is essential for both employment and conservation on the island
Allowing access to the unspoilt environment may increase awareness, concern and positive action benefitting the environment. It needs to be kept unspoilt to achieve this.
Overall we're very content. We are concerned with visitor numbers, but that's unfair as we were once visitors. The island's attractiveness to others is understandable, and big increases in visitor numbers inevitable. However, we worry that there's a lack of planning that aligns with predictions of these increases and the result being harm to the assets that make Bruny unique and desirable.
We need a plan to manage Bruny and the guts to make tourist pay a premium to come onto the island - if we under value this resource it will be trashed.
I don't see how Bruny can aim for a certain population level in the future, really it comes down to the level that the island sustains. If there is no more accommodation then the population will be limited by availability. I do think that the pressure of tourism should be carefully considered-esp toilets, unofficial camping, photographing and damage to special spots by people jumping barriers etc to get better photos etc
Historically I could go to an isolated remote beautiful part of the island and not have to compete with hordes of people. Now it is becoming increasingly difficult to get this. People are "loving it to death" as in other parts of the world. Perhaps I am just selfish!!
Much more planning needs to be done to cope with the huge influx of visitors- The island off Auckland-New Zealand (name presently forgotten) is an excellent model for consideration in dealing with huge visitor numbers-infrastructure and Facilities generally are very limited- Wild life needs much more protection as Bruny has so many endangered and rare species particularly with bird populations--
Restrict or charge tourist until infrastructure is adequate. Any funds raised to be spent on the island.
What can't we put a stop on growth - as an island we could collectively go backwards or maintain the status quo.
I like Bruny the way it is now.
[Whether Bruny has change for the better or worse] depends where you are.
Growing up on Bruny, was pretty easy going, we always found something to do, but without computers, phones etc we didn't know any different. I think now days we need more activities for the young ones.
Bruny is bugged



Bruny has a great lifestyle and great place to live.
Needs more young families and small businesses ... a bakery would be fantastic and perhaps a surf shop. The sort of businesses that young people run.
I have Been coming to Bruny for over 45 years. In that time it still provides a wonderful place to get away from the hustle and bustle of Life. Even with increased tourism our beaches are never over populated like many on the east coast. Adventure bay has a few more houses but can't be built out like many other tourist areas. I know many Islanders who have lived on the island all their lives and change has provided employment and security for their families. If tourism is managed and supports the local economy and residents we need to embrace it.
Bruny is such a wonderful place and in many ways I think it mirrors parts of Tasmania. Currently there is such a boom in Tourism but the state needs to be careful that they do not destroy all the drivers for people to come and visit. People come to Tassie for it's clean air, fresh produce and a more unique experiences in less over developed cities and towns. The same applies to Bruny in that development needs to be sympathetic to the landscape and appropriate for the island infrastructure. The environment needs to be accessible but still protected. If for example the Channel was destroyed through poor management of aquaculture that would be a disaster. Tourism is the lifeblood of the island and a meaningful and actionable strategic plan is vital.
The ridiculous level of tourism has had a very negative affect on bruny life ie the new large Simpson Bay signs have caused a large increase in tourists driving dangerously into Simpsons Bay looking for camping areas etc The signs should state NO CAMPING and NO THROUGH ROAD.
It is a big commitment to sell up a home in Hobart and own only one house and live on Bruny full time. A decision we have deferred.
With growth comes prosperity, with prosperity comes infrastructure, better services and employment. It depends on what the residents want. If the population remains older, retired people who just want the peace and quiet of isolation then then there will be no growth and the services will remain as they are, and if they are happy with that then well and good. Our largest business owner at the moment brings the most tourists but no wealth to the community, if growth is encouraged the Island will then prosper and young people will want to reside there. Bring in the artists the small business owners that make jewellery etc out of shells, the tour guides and have guided tours to leave less of an imprint by confining tourists to areas we want them in. Signage and off limits to areas that are precious, wild life zoo with echidna's white wallabies etc rather than tourists traipsing all over the Island looking for them. Lets have our own taste of Bruny where business owners can show their produce. We dont need to get rid of tourist just have better control of what they do on the Island. All this could be done by residents right now. All around the world are beautiful places that have been able to maintain their uniqueness and minimize the human foot print left by visitors, but depending on tourism for wealth at the same time. If the rest of the world can do it I'm sure there is a way to maintain a balance on Bruny where tourist and residents are kept happy. Just remove some of the ridiculous red tape from the negative attitudes of some of the councils opposed to any growth in Tasmania what so ever.
If more tourism is envisaged then more infrastructure is required - quite simple. You cant have it both ways. Unless a bigger or more regular ferry is provided then property owners need to get a priority queue. And that doesn't mean [deleted identifies individual] get any further priority than being in line!
There is a fine line between tourism which brings money into the island and preserving the quality of life in Bruny. So far it's good, but we need to be mindful.
Love our peaceful life at Alonnah.
The place is God's country so naturally there will be more and more tourists. There needs to be an

increase in shops selling food. A pub in North Bruny would be a good start. Food vans during summer wouldn't hurt.
The essence of Bruny Life needs to stay consistent - increasing visitor numbers is only a concern if not catered for or it impacts adversely on the overall essence and feel of the island.
Tourism has generally been good for Bruny and the businesses on it and has generated economic activity. However, the infrastructure is not adequate to support it and could not support a big increase into the future. Bruny is only worse in that the infrastructure cannot cope with the number of people visiting. Because the ferry is the only way on/off the island fares must be kept affordable, especially for residents and shackies to encourage people to live there. Subsidies for rate payers must be maintained.
This is difficult. Tourism has its upside and downside and so does population because of economies of scale. I prefer population numbers be controlled overall in Australia as depends on what environment can sustain.
Ensure Tourist money stays on the island. Overseas owners providing local jobs is not sensible economic growth as they take the profit away without environmental care. No overseas purchases of land. Overseas can lease land for 99 years. No private sale of government land (federal, state, local or forestry -GBE). Only leases eg 50 year lease.
There should be a higher ferry fare applied to "day trip only" visitors to discourage people driving around and leaving without spending money on the island.
All I can say, tourism and Pennicott has ruined Bruny Island.
As we age and miss theatre, restaurants, classes (yoga, dance etc) we shall have a second home in Hobart - but lucky we might be able to do so. many can't. But need maybe a 9 o'clock ferry daily and Fri/Sat a 10.30 ferry? Even once a week.
I'll probably move away part-time to pursue cultural pursuits.
Access to a shop and or petrol on North Bruny would make life easier
Bruny Island residents should be given priority over tourism.
Bruny Islanders should be priority not tourism. Don't promote tourism just for jobs.
Too many tourists it feels in the past few years which I do feel at time distracts from the intimacy of a small community. However tourists do all bring in income which helps support some of the things we enjoy -e.g. cafe and gallery at Dennes Pt.
Too many tourists for our island to cope with. Was much better before all the influx of tourists. Much better place with real residents.
Bruny is worse than when I came 20 years back. As in some other places tourist numbers should be limited. Bruny should be responsibly shared. At present tourists appear to have priority over residents.
Wouldn't like to live anywhere else
It would be good to know what a size human population the island can sustain with consideration of questions like (but not limited to): 1. What is the natural environment's carrying capacity? For example, how sensitive is the environment to a bigger population? and 2. What can the population's tax contribution support? Use this kind of information to try to find a good balance.
Sad about the high volume of day-trippers and extra traffic volume.
It's very important to build a stronger community and keep the locals on the island. With real estate prices increasing dramatically locals will be 'cashing in' and moving off. A Community Building would be good to hold meetings, courses, workshops, a space for teenagers to hang out. Keeping families on the island to build a strong community. Swimming pool, mountain bike tracks.
Love Rob Pennicott's restaurant

Tourism has changed culture on Island however waste disposal, lack of toilets and volume of traffic is impacting everyone and creating serious problems.
[Bruny has changed for the] good in some ways, worse in others. Depends if you want to work or retire.
Need more infrastructure
Becoming too busy with tourists. Numbers need to be limited, long term planning. Bus service meeting each ferry and doing lap of island. Get tourists to leave cars on other side.
We will move away as we age! Cannot manage here anymore. Family has moved on - but transport easier. (e.g grandchildren not able to fly to us!)
Not being able to cope with an increase in tourism is exactly what can keep a lid on numbers. For example, of caravans have to wait 3 ferries to get across, less caravans will make the attempt.
Trevor Adams was born on Bruny and works hard for Bruny. He has his eye on everything and finger on the button. Especially with blow-in that want to change everything for their advantage.
The school needs pupils, young families in our community would be great.
Population to increase, but with permanent residents. Permanent residents become a part of the community which makes for a strong, balanced community. On Lord Howe Island you have to be a resident of 10 years before you can buy. A resident has to spend 6 months of the year on the island. Visitor beds on the island are capped. Recycling is treated seriously. Crushed glass is used as road base. There is so much scope to work towards reducing our footprint and looking after our environment which is in demand because so much of the earth surface has been trashed.
We have an interesting problem with tourism numbers - the more the numbers increase the greater the demand for a bigger ferry, and the bigger the ferry capacity, the greater the tourist numbers. Perhaps we need to say 'enough is enough' and learn to live with what we've got.
Lack of garden home handy-man services for soloo residents limits the time we can stay in our homes.
Toilets at Cheese Factory. Tanks to catch water to make beer. Traffic management - directive signage, particularly at bridges in Adventure bay - tourists do not give way.
[Tourism is mostly good] as long as infrastructure issues resolved. [Population should be] bigger AND younger as well.
'Eco' tourism isn't 'eco' when it expands too much. Tourism is having a huge effect on both land and sea. If we continue in the greedy manner we have been, Bruny will lose all that is unique about it and no-one will want to come here. Limiting visitor numbers and the size of tourism operations will have a positive effect for the long-term sustainability which will mean long-term economic benefits. Currently it seems that everyone just wants to make as much money as they can - once they ruin the place we can't go back!
If Bruny develops like every other mainland community it will cease to be special. I'd prefer if it did not become another Hobart suburb.
Tourism benefits a few businesses but the impact of tourism is not liked by most people I know.
Needs a ceiling on numbers of tourists this island's facilities, roads, environment can accommodate without damaging the very reason people visit. Worldwide phenomenon - Amsterdam, Freycinet etc.
The current level of tourism is destroying the island: from poor infrastructure (i.e. toilets, rubbish bins etc), hours spent waiting in the line for ferry transport, beaches used as toilets, reckless drivers unaware of road surfaces, this island simply cannot accommodate such numbers.
Dust from the visitors to the Adventure Bay Hall/Toilets and water delivery from the only reservoir, contaminates our rainwater collection. SOLUTION: tarmac across road and carpark at the Hall.

More urgent infrastructure provision to match influx of visitors and new settlers should be regarded as urgent.
We need more urgent infrastructure, ie toilets, road repairs or bitumen, signs re: speed limits, wallabies, penguins, etc double lines.
I adore living on Bruny and will only leave when forced to by ill health. I'm on a permanent holiday living in the bush as I've wanted my whole life but not had the opportunity. I'm surrounded by wildlife, I have the beach nearby and I'm part of a wonderful community.
Bigger permanent population, less visitors.
I hope to build and retire there one day, or at least half and half. The more like Phillip Island Bruny becomes, the more the old way of life will diminish, along with the characters that Bruny has abounded with in the past. All things must pass, but the more Bruny hangs on to its unique identity, the better.
Population isn't an answer in itself. The future of the community must be self-sustaining and not entirely dependent on day visitors to the island or tourism more generally. The island needs a broad base to support tourism as it is not an end in itself.
This is a unique island, traditionally independent thinking with a strong local community. It's important to see that the new and diverse Bruny values its own people and the environment they choose to live in and sets benchmarks for the rest of the state.
Due to medical necessity, we have had to relocate to Hobart with occasional visits to our property for restorative down time from our urban life.
Please see earlier comments on these issues.
I don't think the population on the island for permanent residents is the issue. I think it is the number of tourists coming on to the island.
We live on an island for the solitude, the seclusion, the quiet and still days and evenings. Constant vehicle noise, dust, road degradation, long ferry cues and rubbish - all as a result of the rapid increase in visitors. It was nice and quiet when we first moved to the island. We could always get on the ferry in either direction at any time of the day. Now that has all gone. Tourism Tas is mostly to blame, being more concerned with pushing visitor numbers to justify their existence than the effect tourists have on local lifestyles. We will probably stay on the island as this is where we wish to live, but it is a hard choice not to look elsewhere for a return to our quiet and secluded life.
We need a plan to lower visitor numbers. We should increase price of ferry for visitors. Any tourism must not ever be at the cost to the environment or resident ability to experience the amenity.
Tourism is good however reduces living options for residents/workers as so many Airbnb and travel accommodation rather than rentals. More tourism = more staff needed = more permanent rentals needed.
Worst impacts of visitation increase have not impacted me personally but empathise with others more severely impacted due to passing traffic and ferry access. Environment degradation my biggest concern. Appreciate increase in options to dine.
I drive a lot slower on Bruny than I did before the increase in tourists, a lot of whom are unsafe drivers.
Annually deteriorating due to unbridled tourist development without provision of adequate infrastructure.
The decision on new ferry/ferries will be important. Day tripper tourism offers little to the permanent population. Big ferries could result in big coaches. A per-head tourist tax needed. Other countries do it.
I love living on Bruny but it is becoming so busy. Hard to get on and off the island and too many

people swarming over the whole place. Where's the serenity?
OK at the moment but some concerns that we may soon reach a tipping point.
Population growth seems inevitable as does tourism growth, but there is a critical mass, beyond which Bruny as we know it dies, and the tourism dries up.
Embrace tourism by providing adequate infrastructure, waste management programs and education to protect the island and its environment. Eco tourism done well could benefit everyone.
Bruny could only support a larger population if current facilities were improved: ie health (resident doctor) waste transfer station on South Bruny, toilets etc There is no real NEED for a larger population at present. People visit Bruny because it is NOT a theme Park...YET. They want to be exposed to the natural environment, good food etc. A limit on daily tourist numbers needs to apply. International tourists need to have current Australian Driver's Licence.
Some folks are making a lot of money - is that 'coping' [with tourism]?
The halls are an essential asset as meeting points etc. A food co-op could be part of one of the halls.
The halls are essential for a working community. A Food Co-Op could be integrated in one of them (e.g Adventure Bay).
[Bigger population], but not too much bigger.
We need 1000 people to be a viable community and to continue to maintain essential services. We can't expect to have high level services when our local population is smaller than communities that have less.
The neck road sealed - great impact
We need a bigger population of working age people to cope with the growth in tourism.
Bruny will grow - let's make it a good outcome - get things in place before needed. I do like the mix of home sheds to nice simple buildings to modern, caravans - a patch work can be special. Keeping the shack culture is so important in Sth Tasmania.
I think a maximum number of tourists should be set, We are on an island so wouldn't be that difficult. Our infrastructure can only handle so many. I'm sure it must be done elsewhere. Subdivisions also need to be controlled and zoning strictly adhered to. Land clearing controlled as well.
Tourism good for community but comes at cost - environment, wildlife, serenity. Not sure tourism money is going back into community.
There is no way of preventing the population of Bruny Island increasing in the future, so we must deal with any problems occurring because of an increase - some attention from Kingborough Council would help.
A bigger ferry will only create more issues when people get here. Should there be cap on daily visitor numbers or 'cap' it with a higher ferry fee for visitors. Freight/carrier services should get more priority on ferry.
'Progress' - it that's what it is - will eventually detract from the current relaxed island lifestyle where one can decide to do as much or little as one feels like. Bureaucratic and regulatory overkill will entirely destroy the unique lifestyle we came here for.
People come here because they like the relaxed lifestyle - unfortunately a lot get bored and want to change it - I'm a Tasmanian and I love it - leave it alone.
Tourism has changed it but 5 years - neutral. 20 years ago it was all easier. Who knows what will happen, 15 years ago say you are from Bruny and people asked 'where?' - now that does not happen. Lots of people come but only 10% will come back.
More support for small business would be helpful. Subsidies for low income people to start small business. Cancellation of legislation that prevents new business proposals is important.

We need to limit visitors each day to a copable amount - allowing for more buses to take people around.
Need to build a bridge.
Worries about the future increases in tourism visitors. Lived in an area (previous to Bruny) where it became manic. Visitors took over the place forcing locals out or making their living situations change drastically.
Infrastructure is the key to successful tourism. Presently inadequate.
We need younger (40-65) year olds to take over a lot of the voluntary roles on the island as with an ageing population many of us are looking for someone to step up, as we age. This is across the board with most organisations on island.
Population should cater only for organic growth - no marketing campaigns
There are always plusses and minuses with increasing tourism - roads are improved, more toilets, better waste management (assuming this happens), however, need to balance this with convenience for locals. Some locals only venture off the island once a week - they can manage to 'avoid' busy times. Others like myself 'commute' most days. Thus the increase in tourists has a greater effect on my 'lifestyle'. I would like 'preference' on the ferry - though how this could be achieved I don't know.
Permanent residents will hopefully increase. This will bring mostly positive benefits or as long as the ferry and businesses can keep up. The settlements need not grow much bigger. Already spread out and most houses support part-timers. So Bruny could look about the same, but it would bring a lot of money and opportunities to the island and young families - as well as a better argument for services like rubbish collection, health, water etc
Some changes positive; some very negative
The number of trees cut down on Windy Hill and poor housing in some areas - ugly development
Life on Bruny is peaceful, interaction of people is friendly, a place in paradise. Somewhat spoiled by the high level of tourism.
The infrastructure overall and roads in North Bruny specifically, is worse. I will not leave until my health requires living "in town". While tourists can be great, there is not enough education of tourists regarding road rules, rubbish, and wildlife vulnerabilities here. Water, toilets, accident care - not enough already. Permanent population should be the same. This is not the place to begin 'ticky tacky' residential developments. That should be banned. Farms should stay farms.
See Biosphere/region recommendation.
Bruny Life is considerably if not very, tranquil.
I strongly support the implementation of a Biosphere/Bioregion framework and believe we need much more data and a clear discussion of what metrics are important indicators of liveability and a developed framework to set a vision for future development and life on the island. What is the vision and who determines it? And how?
More permanent residents is good for any area. Tourism supports infrastructure that would un-economic without volume.
I am in support of low impact tourism and small business but this Hodgman Government is not prepared to regulate eg. Fish Farm expansion so we end up with a few people/companies becoming too dominant. The State Government should not take a hands off approach to development within communities such as those that exist on Bruny. The State Government needs to put people first, not listening to a select group.
I love Bruny and I hope to stay here for the rest of my life. We are very lucky. Must count our blessings within all of this.



I came here for peace and quiet in 1978, loved it, still do, but since the tourists discovered my hiding place its noisier and the traffic is a pain in the arse. (Still love Bruny though – when I wear my ear plugs). The level of tourism activity is to me less important than how its handled – at present it's awful, not a question of 'level' but quality – Government desire for tourist dollar has outstripped what should have been a well-structured management plan for the reception and absorption of the impact on the island and its residents (by what I've heard described as an 'invasion').
The increase in vehicles passing our property is disturbing as it seems to be constant so more noise and pollution. Politicians have consistently dismissed any suggestions of a visitor tax. Other Island's off Australia's coast charge such a tax. It would help pay for infrastructure improvements and could possible make visitors aware that it is a privilege to come to such a unique, beautiful place.
Our infrastructure is insufficient to cope with the hordes of tourists.
Tourism is bringing more business which in turn employs more people which will (hopefully) keep – or bring back – family on island with work.
Somewhat concerned with the effect of increasing tourism to the island lifestyle that's still currently enjoyed. We can't stop progress – the permanent population will increase in the future.
Development must be in conjunction and symbiotic with the natural environment.
Although employment is obviously very important for locals, I'm afraid we're not looking at the bigger picture in terms of the environmental impact tourism brings. If we want the tourists to keep coming we need to keep up with infrastructure and environmental management. This place has changed so much since I was a child and I really hope its beauty and serenity isn't lost all for the sake of money.
Spend a lot more time and cash on more bins, toilets, tourist signage and warnings of road conditions.
Love my Bruny Life! Bruny provides a unique lifestyle that has its challenges – but that is part of island life.
Very concerned about tourism numbers not being restricted/capped. Again the ferry needs a resident priority system.
Bruny is great but fragile and needs protecting. Too many visitors. Numbers must be controlled!
Consideration should be given to a resident/ratepayers land for boarding of ferry – with current tourist surge we can be waiting on line for 2 hours or more.
Permanent population important to support (over tourists). Daytrippers seem a real burden on ferry and roads.
Too many people will spoil the tranquillity that is 'Bruny'. I love the remoteness of Bruny. I love that there are only 2 general stores. I'd like to see a small amount of new business only, a few more restaurants. I love the quiet, especially in the early evening when the sun goes down. I like being able to walk the roads safely, the beach (and often be the only person on it). The views that match the quiet. I would like to see assistance towards a solar panel setup. Something like the First Home Buyers.
Tourist promotion has obviously focused on Bruny. There are so many other places of beauty in Tasmania and Australia generally, but the influx of tourists is destroying the liveability of islanders.
Whilst the impact of tourism on Bruny is mostly positive, the emotional impact of always having strangers in your space – beach/pub/roads etc – should be factored in. Some tourists are only concerned about themselves and often very selfish in their actions. That is, helping themselves to water (large amounts) from public toilets that are run on rainwater – not so bad for drinking purposes but totally out of order when used to wash their cars! It really ruins your day when you see this!
A local affordable supermarket on Bruny would be very welcomed.

Again, we need subdivisions for housing blocks.
I lived here permanently [identifies individual deleted] since then I've lived here part-time as I've worked in Hobart [identifies individual deleted]. I've always planned to retire here – which will be soon. Unfortunately recent local tourism, just below me, on a big scale, and the associated noise, lights, people, pressure [identifies individual deleted] are putting me off. I find it very sad that my dreams of a quiet life in retirement are already dashed and fear for what other pressures, via 'eco' tourism will have on myself and my neighbours, who live here and also wanted a 'quiet place to retire'. Value Bruny Island, especially Adventure bay.
Somewhat worse in respect to the impact of the visitors to the Island....Bruny cannot cope and lacks infrastructure. Good for select businesses, but bad for the impact on roads and environment and the general tranquillity of the island. It's not the permanent population that is the issue here – most residents love the peace and tranquillity...the natural environment and the pure air. I certainly do.
Many island around the world are facing the same issues as Bruny. Tourist caps are being invoked and the sooner Bruny Island starts to plan for this the sooner the transition to a sustainable future where the brand of island is protected and all that is special about Bruny will endure will be achieved Why would we not want to protect this island's assets (the land, sea and its people)??
Exit survey to gauge tourist's satisfaction with their visit and suggestions. Who knows if they enjoyed the experience? Tourist info re: driving should highlight limited resources to respond to car crashes. Volunteers only on Island and there is a cost associated with accessing Ambulance Tas from Hobart. Speed limits need review and most must be lowered. Advice to large RVs 'road to Dennes Pt not suitable for you".
As we know, tourism is a double-edged sword. At the moment Bruny feels like it is on the back foot as far as infrastructure, local important information for tourists, litter, tourism workers accommodation. Safety on the roads is a major issue.
It's very satisfying that once the last ferry comes on there's no more traffic going past.
As the population increases so will the level of business opportunity. As the tourism activity increases so will the level of business opportunity. Then the population will benefit from the resultant benefits. But the facilities (toilets/rubbish/roads etc) need to catch up. We need more fuel outlets, regular doctors, a dentist, a vet – better priced groceries.
I believe that tourism numbers should be limited on Bruny as it is on Lord Howe Island and many other others islands e.g Shetland Island – even major tourist destinations in Europe and India (Taj Mahal) have a cap on visitor numbers.
I believe it is not the number of tourists but the 'style' of tourism that is vital. To focus on our pristine environment and have parks interpretive centre when first arrive to collect fees/therefore fund more staff. Attract eco-tourists. Staff supervision of penguin viewing. Managed camping (no free camping near Alonnah toilets, Smoothy's Point etc). Government supported mountain bike trails in forests to attract active tourism. This would balance out the tourists who came to just drive and look out the window!
Tourism can drive government attention and if this is guided correctly, a positive environmental outcome may be had. I believe that the issue which people complain about as 'tourism' is actually and expression of global overpopulation. A bigger issue than only Bruny or Tasmania.
A bigger permanent population means better services. More tourists means more jobs for permanent residents. It is a balancing act that requires appropriate planning
Tourism is good for a few – not for all residents. Residents that do not profit from tourism are disadvantaged (road behaviour and ferry). More permanent residents and employment that is

independent of mass tourism would be good.
Tourist infrastructure is poor on BI. It is not good enough to say "if we build it, they will come". This has been done but the infrastructure such as parking, roads, toilets, rubbish, etc has not been considered. A great example of this is the Lighthouse. With only 7 (yes, 7!!) car spots, 1 toilet, no turning area for large vehicles (with or without caravans) this place is a disaster area. It doesn't provide visitors with a good experience. I know that this site is managed by Parks and Wildlife but the Tasmanian Government needs to inject money into places like this so that can be an enjoyment to visit. [Delete identified individual]
I believe we should regulate tourism numbers to cope with Bruny infrastructure and environment otherwise we lose the natural values and 'specialness' that is Bruny – forever. No second chances.
The quality of life on Bruny has declined over the past five years primarily because of the rapid increase in visitor numbers, especially because government has not provided adequate infrastructure to cope with the increase. A visitor levy may help control visitor numbers and will generate some income regularly that could be spent on Bruny, perhaps overseen by a committee of government, industry and community representatives.
Tourism generally is an impost on Island Life. Challenge for businesses that grow up around it. State Government and businesses to finance specific additional infrastructure and maintenance. Ferry infrastructure – timetables and timely access. Local government – facilities and services.
I count myself lucky that I have had nearly 30 golden years here. If I didn't have the sanctuary of my own property to hide from all the tourists I would leave. The future is all sealed roads and the café latte mob driving around in convertible BMWs looking for investment opportunities. No one will wave on the road. It will be sad to see.
I don't think Bruny should aim for a particular population size, it depends a lot on who comes here – e.g. if its young families, will need to have the right people to support education and health services etc.
Monopoly in Adventure Bay (boat tours), not throughout. Locals paying the price losing ramp access, parking areas. Increase in rubbish to dispose of with no adequate collection system available. Rates spent on tourists and boat tours by Council. Not on basic convenience for locals and shack owners.
I would support capped tourism numbers – similar to Lord Howe Island where there are 400 beds only. When the island is full, it is full. Same could be done here, for day trippers as well as tourism accommodation. That way planning is done around a fixed number, and we can protect the island from ongoing uncontrolled increases in tourism which risk damaging Bruny on many levels. It would mean people booking ahead to come for the day – so what! Ferry would be more manageable too as a result.
A hotel at Adventure Bay needed, more petrol bowsers required, shops needed for selling groceries.
Population growth is inevitable and Bruny should grow with it. There is still plenty of land and new business should cater for workforce. Existing conveniences (e.g. sport, recreation, housing) will grow as required.
Tourism visitors are great – hopefully to see what our island has to offer geographically as well as for the cheeses and oysters. More permanent residents too, but only to the extent that our services keep pace with these increases. And in respect to the North, as mentioned improved roads and when there – a general food supply. On the beach at Nebraska, serious erosion has occurred twice recently – is there a plan?
What about capping the number of visitors to Bruny, like they do on Lord Howe Island? Tourists would have to book a pass via the Internet to gain entry – rather than open slather. This quota per day could

be incorporated into the ferry contract. Residents should have priority on the ferry – like crossing the Daintree in FNQ, there's a designated lane on the ferry for locals. We run a farm and need at times to get on and off the island quickly to manage stock – this is not always possible and animals can suffer – we need to have ferry priority.

Bruny is now in crisis. Local plans for restriction and better management of tourism in past 2-3 years are being ignored and treated with contempt by government and the tourism industry. Bruny's unique and natural qualities and values are being systemically destroyed by government and industry push for mass market tourism. Public safety and health are now seriously at risk e.g. road safety, spread of disease via inadequate toilets and waste management systems.

We live in a community not an economy! Money is not the answer to a life well lived on Bruny. Most of the revenue goes off Island and the jobs mantra is only at the whim of the tourist influx. Life will change in the coming years and I'm a believer that stating your case and views is an important catalyst to positive outcomes. What I'd like to see is more respect to the values of the generational culture on Bruny.

Tourism has become major factor in changes on Bruny in recent years. Some good, some bad. But jobs created are not careers as are part-time, casual, not well paid and unsociable hours and main benefit realistically is to the operator/owner. Do not see any real benefit to residents. Accommodation appropriate for young job seekers in tourism industry is virtually non-existent.

Bruny is just the next place to go to ruin via tourism. It's too late to manage the influx of visitors. It's losing its charm as a beautiful getaway – sadly.

Like very community, change is inevitable. At the moment, tourism is in the boom. We need to go with the inevitable, ensuring adequate road and amenity infrastructure is in place. Regardless of all the grumbles, tourists are our future – let's get the Parks and Wildlife, Forestry and current tourism operators to make sure they are able to accommodate changes needed. I don't think our population should grow too much more – we are spoiling the island with increasing sub-divisions. Despite all this we are still local islands – despite all those who want to change everything to suit themselves.

An increase in permanent residents leading to an increased workforce and increased local economy and money staying on Island and not solely relying on tourism results in community development. Bruny is at risk of being 'loved to death' and not coping or keeping up with tourism boom – benefits very few people. How will ferry, road, water and energy supply, waste management be able to keep up? And what about the environmental degradation?

If Bruny continues to have such large tourist numbers, obviously part-time/full-time residents need to have housing available. I am not sure how this problem can be tackled. The Ferry could possibly have a 'local line' for residents and local businesses?

Create more paid positions for volunteers in emergency management
Not at all confident in catastrophic fire; somewhat confident in lesser emergency.
Feral cats must go to protect our birds.
We have not written our own emergency management plan but have included the information provided at the alonnah Bush fire ready day in our information folder.
Taswater should have no role until a reticulated network exists. And that isn't needed. The fact it has the bore is understandable but I think that service should be removed. The quality isn't consistently high enough. But I won't use it so I'm not too fussed.
Cats, I think farmers are killing cats without checking for microchips. I don't like the thought of that!
I wish that the volunteer emergency services on the island could get more support - volunteers. They seem to struggle and a few people are carrying a heavy burden. A familiar pattern in small, rural communities...
Consult with community in regards to treating water from bore Bruny should have NO domestic cats A possum eradication project be a good idea
Maybe the quolls will sort out the cats!
protect the bird and wildlife
Bruny is unique for its endemic bird population and we HAVE to preserve this amazing status. Please publicise any meetings about this proposal.
There should be rebates or discounts on tanks so people can afford to have many tanks in order to catch rain when it falls.
Feral cats - HUGE impact on wildlife and farm animals. Absolutely support - and support people being sensible about their pets. I do not bring my dogs to Bruny because I prefer the wildlife to remain un-chased - and that costs me \$75 per day at the kennels, but I believe it is the right thing to do.
Because of Bruny's unique isolation and the ability for Bruny to be a sanctuary for native fauna and flora, (eg swift parrot) a greater emphasis should be given to control and limit any potential threat to this sanctuary
Yes the feral cat problem is an issue, but I'm not sure that imposing additional by-laws will improve the situation. Responsible cat owners already manage their pets, regardless of laws the irresponsible people will still do what they have always done. (I own a cat and dog)
We keep our land cleared to reduce the risk of fire, however our land borders Crown Land and Council Land which we have tried unsuccessfully to have cleared/burnt. There are many dead trees on the road in the vicinity of the Simpson's Bay boat ramp that drop branches and need removing.
Feral cats need to be eliminated from the island but the education of the community, especially cat owners, about how this can be done needs to be done with great tact.
the only reason for our delivery was to ensure the new tanks did not blow away and to fill the fire tank.
Reason for the water cartage in the past 12 months was that we were building a house and only had a small water tank. We now have plenty of capacity.
The birdlife and wildlife on Bruny are special and everything to keep them must be done. That also means plans to increase the amount of viminalis and limit any further clearing of bush and forest.
I'd support a spay and neuter program for feral cats. If this were successful there might be a smoother transition through ascension to other apex predator, therefore a moderated effect on prey populations.
Water is life
What about rat management on Oyster farms?
all though we don't have a written fire/ emergency plan we have discussed with our immediate

neighbours a plan of attack and have put necessary tools within easy access
Cats need to be very closely managed
The penguin rookery is priceless... No-one will come to Bruny to see cats Would like to see a register of Mobile numbers set up for emergency contact in the case of bush fire - as our plan is immediate evacuation (rather than stay and fight)
People should learn how to live on tank water
As we have not yet built our initial dwelling we have plans to install a 10-20,000 litre tank as well as the required 10,000 litre tank for fire fighting purposes. We have stayed with permanent residents on the Island that regularly over summer (and dry seasons) have to have water carted to top up their rainwater tanks which is quite expensive. The provision of fresh water to properties on the Island needs to be considered, especially with a view to effective emergency management of fires. In regards to cats, we own a cat, she is an indoor cat for the very purpose of preservation of wildlife. She has lived indoors all of her life and is fat, happy and content. Cats are not native to Bruny, they should be managed responsibly (or banned).
I think cats should be banned from being pets on the island.
Re emergency management: As we have a wooden home surrounded by bush we have decided it is not defensible and to leave well before any approaching bushfire is near. We have a list of important items to take with us to the nearest safe place that hopefully would be the nearby beach. But we would have to make our decisions based on the circumstances on the day. Re water management: All tourism businesses should be required to install sufficient water storage and not use the resources required by the community.
Quolls pose a greater threat to Bruny's wildlife than cats and should never been brought here as a protection colony.
If a bushfire came through Simpsons Bay, we would likely lose our house. Lots of nearby bush and a 1900s weatherboard shack!
Businesses that use excessive local water such as Bruny Island Beer and Bruny Island Cheese should be excized?, held accountable, audited, punished etc,
We are not at our shack very often so the tanks usually always full
Just a general comment for all things such as emergency management, water management, health, education and transport... When choosing to live in an isolated location such as an island, or specifically Bruny Island, our expectation for the provision or access of these things has to be appropriate ie at a lower level of service. They all obviously are part of WHO's social determinants of health (social exclusion, transport, food etc...) but we are also very lucky in a lot of other areas. Living in an isolated community like Bruny with a small population it is unreasonable to expect a similar level of services to less remote communities. We've chosen to make a home in an isolated place for the attractions that come with it, and are happy to adapt and content with anything lacking as a result.
I am most worried about the quolls (native cats) - these beautiful creatures are abundant on the north and we should be doing more to raise awareness about how wonderful and significant these animals are.
The cat program is critical to the preservation of wildlife and in particular Swift Parrots. Personally I am delighted to finally see a cat program up and running.
Bruny Island and cats are a bad mix. Emergency management is sufficient. Most of our friends manage happily on tank water. if Taswater gets involved expect rates to zoom!!
why does Taswater need to be involved, we have been going for 35 years and managing quite well without them.



-Cat management VERY important- particularly with consideration to present bird varieties and penguin populations. -Water considerations and planning also VERY important-inadequate for many presently--- -Need more planning and direction with possible MAJOR emergency management responses--
There are two concrete tanks at my property but I don't know their capacity!
No cats on Bruny.
The way that cat's being eradicated is cruel. Bruny needs a trap, neuter, return program.
Used water carter for the first time in 25 years!
Cat owners should desex and contain them inside or outdoor large cage areas. Cats will survive being kept inside at all times. My cats lived to 16 years of age inside.
The main water supply at Adventure Bay is compromised.
no cats anywhere on the island including pets
We don't have a written fire plan but our family is aware of our plan: using the fire pump to water down house, roof, embers. Follow fire service emergency procedures and evacuate if the threat becomes too close. We have never bought water. I think residents need to make sure they have plenty of tanks and capacity to hold water.
get rid of all cats and dogs
Given the volunteer nature of the fire services at both the North and South ends of the island, limited water supply and accessibility issues for other Emergency Services the possibility of a major fire outbreak is real. Especially with the amount of tourism and long grass all over the island. Smoking should be banned on the island and there should be more education programmes aimed at tourists and also locals about fire restrictions and the need for permits.
No cats on Bruny at all. Rain water tanks made available to residents at discounted prices.
I do like cats and cats can be great pets for the elderly, especially if they live alone but believe cats should be banned from Bruny or kept indoors at all times with visual inspection of the cat owners home and cat confident area. Bruny has some endangered species of native birds and animals and we need to minimize the risk to them and cats are the greatest risk of all.
All pet and feral cats should be de-sexed and micro-chipped
Lets eradicate feral cats, lets be responsible for pet cats but eliminate the hard core suggestions to ban them. Quite childish and projects the wrong image - back to Bruny's Hippy population! Sorry. Tell Taswater to go away politely - we do not need their exhorbitant prices and intolerable service.
Happy with our own rainwater supply. Tas Water leave us alone.
Feral cats must go and resident or visitor cats must be regulated eg evening curfew.
Don't dislike cats, just think biodiversity is more important on Bruny.
Cats should be banned from Bruny. Water and waste disposal should be provided by the council.
Perhaps a minimum tank size could be introduced, based on the accommodation of the property to ensure each property is as independent as it can be for water and reduce the need for water deliveries.
trap and dispose of ferral cats in a humane way
Water infrastructure needs to align with development. I am happy not having TasWater and associated costs. I love my "raw" water! It does not kill my sourdough culture.
Government should supply all residenses with one 25000L tanks for free. Too many people order water because they can't afford a large tank.
There should be access to the TasWater tank in Adventure Bay for the water trucks without having to go past all the houses. The dust and noise is so off putting.

[Feral cat eradication should be] humanely.
The presence of feral cats in the penguin rookery concerns me as penguin numbers appear to be dropping.
Feral cats are vermin and should be dealt with accordingly. Quolls are a greater threat to birds on Bruny.
Concerned about the effects of climate change on rainfall.
We only have small water supply to a caravan.
If as much effort was put in to health and infrastructure as feral cat eradication Bruny would be better off. Probably a scam like the fox program - I have never seen one. It is the council aim to tax us on our tank water as they charge us a fee for storm water when we don't have curb and channelling and road drainage and runoff across our property.
Our precious wildlife needs to be protected from all feral animals, I give 100% support to eradication programs.
Only support feral cat eradication mentally, not physically. My cat is allowed to roam at night (30 acres) and so far has only brought home rats and mice.
I know there are two safe meeting places in case of fire on South Bruny but I don't think priority has been given to one for North Bruny. I hope this will be rectified.
Clean and clear waterways paramount. No cats.
Fire volunteers and ambulance volunteers should be paid.
Cats are animals, this shouldn't be a cat free island - if people want to have cats as animals then let that be!
Not at all confident [about surviving a bushfire] due to neighbouring properties that have scrub, huge trees and not maintained at all.
6 x 22,000 litres and 25,000 is heaps. People need more tanks!
There is a big black feral cat and tabby south of Mabel bay - often sighted - and parks are making no effort to trap them - seen by caretakers of lighthouse and reported.
Instead of buying water, why don't folk buy another tank?
We use less than 200 litres per week. Not an issue.
Cats need restrictions Australia wide.
Do not support mandatory cat cages. Am not a cat owner but would like to have one and keep it inside at night. Can't afford caging so no pet for me.
TasWater should not even think of charging ratepayers!
We are prepared to leave but also have an emergency bunker almost finished. We also have a written emergency plan for our holiday accommodation. We have approximately 42,000 L for our home and 50,000 L for our accommodation,
I cannot understand why anyone would object to strong cat management. Native wildlife is one of the best features of Bruny.
Ban ALL cats.
Beyond Captain Cook Creek and current aquifer bores no other water supply on Bruny. Current usage not sustainable for businesses, accommodation and residential expansion.
The heavy reliance of recent business for daily water has resulted in massive reduction in underground water from the Adventure Bay bore. If this continues, and sea water rises bore level - the last fresh water outlet will be gone. Forever.
New water storage capacity is required for the island.
Water management on Bruny Island based on a household harvesting should be

officially/permanently endorsed given cost of change to a reticulation system and the possible challenge of climate change in the future.
Our 'assembly point' is also a fire risk in Adventure Bay, we need to correct this.
If there is a fire my house will burn because I'll be gone. It's insured. I have an arrangement with a neighbour to drive down through his property to the beach.
Cats are very difficult to restrain from roaming and hunting, especially at night. Many people are in denial about their cat's activities. Decline of native birds and animals can be expected where there are cats.
I agree with the management of cats to ensure the natural habitats for our wildlife remain and that the wildlife thrive.
Cat management is critical. in my 5 years here i have noticed cat incursions at an alarming rate.
Cats do not belong anywhere in Australia. We have our own fire tanker built to Tas Fire specifications, a 20 mega litre purpose built fire dam, fire pumps, sprinklers on all buildings, fire hoses and hydrant services to aide the Fire Department. Our water tanks are normally full and hold 30K gallons.
It is essential to eliminate feral cats on the island to protect the wonderful bird life here.
All legitimate cats are micro chipped and de-sexed. These are not the issue. Yes chase feral cats but there is no need to lock up domestic cats owned by responsible persons. We should be focusing on eradicating the introduced Qual, especially on North Bruny where it has never lived and now runs wild. Water is a personal responsibility and full time residences rarely run out, having an understanding of what is required. Its the tourist accommodation and air B&B's that continually run out of water causing a strain on the supplies of locals etc.
There should be NO cats on Bruny
I disagree with having to pay a fee to register cats, but agree to having to register them (domestic pet cats).
Bruny should be totally cat free. Have an agreed bushfire plan - but not written.
Let's eradicate the cats please.
Drinking water supply for Adventure Bay [originally] provided by Council from rate-payer monies. TasWater now sells water to a Brewery business. Not appropriate.
Cat control is vital to stop wildlife degradation and spread of disease.
1967 type bushfire at our property would require evacuation. Our lives would probably be spared, but we must be prepared to sacrifice housing.
Fire services should monitor more strictly those burning off without permits
I bought my property because it had/has a good water supply.
I have a bore for the garden. I think Kingborough Council are spending a lot of money on the cat program. Eradication of ferals is a must but the by-laws for what is 27 recorded domestic cats is not warranted.
Used carter for new build to fill fire tank. Love cats but not wild - great plan. I believe I would just leave if a serious fire occurred.
No thank you Tas water.
The sooner the Cat Management By-Laws are passed the better. Parks 'controlled burns' and 'fuel reduction burns' need better planning.
Have good firefighters but backyards need clearing
We have 3 x 5000 gallon concrete tanks which are more than adequate if it rains.
If we are going to encourage overnight visitors to camp, caravan etc on island we must provide access to toilets, water and waste management.

Get rid of the 'feral' cats
Minimum storage capacity to form part of any new building application; this will lessen demand on water table drawn on to supply those who have insufficient capacity for established use over 12 months.
Use water carefully and sometimes sparingly
Shoot feral cats - don't re-release to study what they eat.
Access to personal rain-water tanks for people in public housing - mainly for drinking.
Yes to a cat free Bruny. Need good water supply, supplier at reasonable cost.
What about responsible dog ownership?
Need to de-sex all cats.
Water: Being a recent user of water tanks/rainwater I do have concerns about water quality and the health effects on locals. Could there be availability to locals to have a regular water test and assistance if found to be problematic?
Eliminating feral cats altogether may allow a rise in rodent populations - also detrimental to nesting birds. TasWater should consider more provision for tourism.
Water carter required only due to pipe fault
Only used a water carter because a fitting blew off and drained one tank while we were in town.
Nothing to add about these, but rabbits and ragwort...
I note there's no mention of weed management, or a long-term plan for coastal erosion or improving leisure facilities outside Dennes Pt and Adventure Bay, such as Apollo Bay Beach
Feral cats are a problem as they interfere with native wild-life. People who let their cats go feral should be fined and the cats be euthanased. Mains water would be nice but is that practical with the low population density?
Pet cats should be registered and neutered and kept inside dusk until dawn.
Doesn't seem to be a general fire emergency plan for Dennes Pt – essential in the tourist season. The risk is fire debris from a whopper fire at Tinderbox.
We need permanent emergency workers paid on Bruny.
See Biosphere/region recommendation.
While I believe it is important to regulate the activities, freedom of pet cats, I believe pet cats should be permitted. It would be better for feral cats to be relocated rather than killed.
Re: cats. We came 16 years ago – with two kittens. They are farm cats and control vermin as well as act as companions. I understand cats can be happy contained/caged (from kittens) but not after 16 years of freedom. I hope mine die of old age before they are threatened with cage.
There is a need to educate visitors around water use as they bring a city mentality of infinite resources to a situation where water is precious.
Domestic cats should be controlled as should dogs.
I like not having any TasWater charges. Rainwater in tanks with water carter delivery back up is great.
Cats (unrestrained ones) are killing machines and kill for fun, mostly, when outside the home. The ferals, those born and reared in the wild are super-efficient and exist on a diet of various animals/birds, most of them native, some protected. We all know this stuff – but try and tell this to the lovely old lady down the road who has 10 cuddly, harmless cats!
I am concerned about the number of unrestrained dogs running around. For example on the beach at Great Bay often there is an unrestrained dog chasing after shore birds.
We are lucky in having a large roof catchment area and good storage. Quality and supply of water must be a key future problem.

Keep TasWater off the island.
Fire management plans must be developed for all population centres and made readily available to residents and visitors.
Where my block is there are paddocks behind. Bush is very thick. Councils do not send out abatement notices any more. Get them off their backsides to look at the fire dangers around. Clear blocks. Hazard reduction burns.
I believe cats should be banned on Bruny.
My business has to use potable water, which means it is carted in. We buy water roughly every 3 weeks.
I recently acquired a kitten. She is an indoor cat with her own cattery. WE are teching her to walk on the lead. Have some ideas for fire prevention. Have tank designated 'fire'. Keep yard raked regularly.
We built 3 x 45,000 L tanks and have excess water. We do not want any expenses added to our live due to intervention by TasWater.
I believe that no new cats should be introduced to Bruny. Pets turn into feral cats once they wander.
Reliance on tank water on an unsealed road often results in unsafe drinking water.
Adventure Bay needs a fire station in it for quicker response or a substation etc.
In case of emergency fire, plan is get down to the beach, and into the water if necessary.
I do not want to be serviced by TasWater. The rainwater is pure and pristine and luckily the rainforest on Mt Mangana ensures us a constant supply of fresh water.
Ambulance staffed by volunteers who work collaboratively with RNs, Police, SES and firies. Volunteer availability not guaranteed. This issue needs addressing and a resolution agreed. Vollies everywhere save taxpayer dollars, and by definition don't expect to be paid, but the issue of relying on them on BI for first response to a range of situations is not sustainable. South Australia has the same issue refer ABC report.
We have a verbal Bushfire Plan but out house would most likely burn to the ground (surrounding trees). Cats do not belong on Bruny.
Emergency services do a fantastic job.
There is a need to provide drinking quality water available to vanners and campers in the Alonnah/Great bay/Lunawanna areas. That supplied at the camping grounds already is extremely inadequate and not accessible to those using the newer camping sites.
Coordination of emergencies has been less than perfect in my experience. It would be helpful for people to have a magnet to go on fridge with contact numbers for different things e.g. fire emergency, police non-emergency, boating report/flare. Annual emergency planning meeting of police/health/school/SES/voluntary firies etc.
Personal consumption of water requires rain water only. Our café and accommodation unit require carted water. I think that we would survive a fire, but our house very well may not.
Feral cat eradication is vital and long overdue.
If we don't have support and encouragement for our existing emergency services our participant capacity will drop further – continue to drop.
Cats are apex predators. 'Control requirements necessary'.
Re: water management – we invested \$22,500 ten years ago for 3 concrete water tanks holding 135,000L so we don't want to pay anything to TasWater for their bruny strategy. Re: Emergency Plan: we do have a written fire management plan and infrastructure in place to protect our house during bushfires.
I support a cat free island. I support active trapping and eradication of feral cats, and stronger rules

about domestics – ‘last cat’ policy would be the best. Trapping ferals is hard! We need help. Despite best efforts so far – only caught quolls.
Let us rid the island of feral cats once and forever.
No cats on Bruny at all!
A bushfire at Bruny risks incinerating tourists. Locals know where to go. Tourists don’t. Inadequate SES and TFS resources – ‘BBQd tourists’ is a real risk. Cat management program is essential. Bruny does not want reticulated water.
Water is a finite resource on this island. The growth of population and tourist numbers should be commensurate to the availability of the resource. Rental AirBNBs need to provide more water for their guests to the keep the pressure off the underground water. TasWater is an unknown entity on Bruny. We need more sites for water carrier pump outs and a minimum of interference from TasWater.
I have trapped at least 6 feral cats this year and manage my water not to have buy treated water. Prefer mountain water from mountain creek opposed to treated water near hall septic!
Our rainfall is about 800+mm/year. If residents put appropriate tanks up and appropriate domestic filters they should not have to buy water ever. I am confident about a fire, but I see all the trees and scrub around homes on the Island and know they are not.
Water management will be an ongoing concern with visitor numbers and climate change.
It is good to see the cat management being actively actioned. Is there a water management plan other than the huge amount of work local people have to invest in developing one? Council/TasWater lacking.