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Dear Sirs/Mesdames

I write in regard to the proposed “eco-tourism resort” at Princetown and the estuary of the Gellibrand River, at a time when wetlands are disappearing and species of birds and animals squeezed out of existence.

The Gellibrand River estuary is home to a multitude of water- and other birds, and a sanctuary to those on migratory journeys. It is home also to the plant and animal food sources vital to the well-being of these birds, as well as that of the ecosystem. It is an unique, wild and beautiful place. Here a person can find solace and a sense of place in the world. It is a haven of peace and quiet and wonder, much loved by those who know it.

A large development is proposed beside this fragile and vulnerable wetland – an “eco-tourism resort”. A “resort” is often a place at odds with its surroundings, where unreal expectations are met, whims gratified. “Tourism” equates to numbers of people moving through – using, consuming, acquiring, doing, impacting. “Eco” is a prefix currently often used as a smokescreen, to alleviate thinking, guilt and responsibility.

It is impossible to correlate all that the Gellibrand River estuary embodies with a “tourist resort”, for they are incompatible. One is unique, priceless and irreplaceable, the other is not.

Yours sincerely,

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