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**RECHERCHE BAY: Site of the scientific exploration and visit by
Bruni d'Entrecasteaux 1792-3, and documented encounter with Tasmanian Aborigines.**

There is a large body of opinion throughout Australia, and in France, that the whole of the NE peninsula and associated sites at Recherche Bay in Southern Tasmania should be in public ownership and given the Australian and World Heritage listing and protection that they merit.

We have a future vision of a joint Australian-French field study centre with tourism potential for Tasmania (the vision also of the late former Premier Jim Bacon).

Causes for concern and alarm to date include:

1. That logging of the peninsula will harm archaeological sites not yet documented and jeopardize future work, and that logging to a Forest Practices Plan is no assurance of protection.
2. That the Tasmanian Heritage Council recommended the listing of the entire peninsula, and that this advice was ignored by Minister Ken Bacon.
3. That the buffer zones created by Ken Bacon, and his assurances logging will cause no harm, are an inept response by him to the importance of the site.
4. That in Canberra, Ian Campbell has taken the superficial approach of accepting Ken Bacon's assessment as his reason for refusing to grant an emergency Heritage Listing in January 2005.
5. That the Australian Heritage Council may not include all relevant criteria in its final consideration of the listing of Recherche Bay scheduled for June 2005.

A public meeting held by the Recherche Bay Protection Group in Hobart Town Hall on 17 March 2005, unanimously passed the following 3 resolutions-

For the Tasmanian Government to:

- * Call an immediate halt to any roading/logging activity of the NE peninsula of Recherche Bay;
- * Move to immediately protect the entire cultural-historical landscape;
- * Instigate a thorough archaeological survey of the entire peninsula to ensure that all sites of historic significance are preserved for posterity.

I agree with these resolutions and ask:

What written assurance can your office give me that these 3 resolutions will receive effective consideration?

Signed _____

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