

Protect Flinders Island

A FEW days ago the State Government and the Flinders Island Council launched a Destination Action Plan with the aim of capitalising on Flinders Island's appeal, so it can continue to grow as a tourism hot spot. My hope is that their objective is done with great care and sensitivity.

The island's magnet is its beautiful coastline and majestic mountains, its low population which brings a slow paced life-style, and minimum ecological impact.

Any changes the Government and the council have for its "improvement" must factor in protecting and properly managing the island's biodiversity and natural beauty.

The Hodgman Government could take a leaf out of the NSW Government's book by following the stringent regulations it implemented for Lord Howe Island, particularly in regard to capping visitor numbers. The protection and proper management of this historically significant, and beautiful place that shapes the Furneaux Group of Islands is vital.

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