

The Jervis Bay Community CruiseShip Coalition (JBCCC) Questionnaire

1. How important is the environmental health of our marine parks to you?

- Very important
 Moderately important
 Not at all important

Commercial fishers are already finding that fish stocks are depleting and that their catch is becoming less acceptable size-wise, and are telling the recreational fishers that there are fewer adult and more juveniles by proportion in their hauls. Silver trevally and Schnapper are already under threat. Jervis Bay and its surrounding areas provide safe breeding areas which would be jeopardised by allowing cruise ships to enter on a regular basis. The sea grasses and their ecosystem provide one of the most efficient carbon absorption mechanisms in the ocean. These are just two of the most important reasons that Jervis Bay should be protected and kept as a Marine Sanctuary.

2. Do you support Jervis Bay Marine Park being used as an identified cruise ship port and/or destination?

- Yes
 No

Cruise ships would cause unimaginable and irreparable damage to the ocean bed. Anchoring large ships can cause damage to the sea floor through dragging of the anchor. There would have to be a large dock constructed for the ships in the future, as we know that regulations are vulnerable to change and creep. There is no real benefit to the bay or the surrounding towns, and it would spoil the ambience of what is a less commercial and quieter coastal escape than many other holiday areas, and a great place to live for so many people. It should be kept as a marine sanctuary.

3. When policy and management decisions are formulated with the aim of protecting ecosystems and species which of the following is more important? Please rank (1 being most important – 4 of least importance),

- 1 Environment e.g. science, education and enforcement

- 2 Social aspects e.g. user groups such as recreation hunters, fishers, snorkellers
- 3 Economic use of the protected area
- 4 Undecided

Jervis Bay is an area which has had some damage or inappropriate use- the bombing range; the wipe-out of scallop stocks, so far not replenished; over-development of the shoreline, with buildings already built on back-dunes and less accessibility to parts of the beaches; and now, the building of multi-storey apartment blocks which are totally out of character with the amenity of the bay's simple beauty. It's a pity that there has not been a stricter curb on heights of new buildings. Too much hard surface will mean greater run-off into the mangroves and the bay.

4. Our beaches and waterways are being negatively impacted by extreme weather events which are partly produced by climate change.

How will you address this, and if elected, what will you be doing to prevent and minimise the impacts of climate change?

The Greens want to remove the \$12 billion annual subsidies to the fossil fuel industry, to start to reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions to Net Zero Emissions by 2035, and will push for strong action on climate change. I will work with the government to reach 100% renewable energy by 2030 and to introduce new green technology industries- employing up to 805,000 people- so that fossil fuels will be phased out as soon as possible, or by 2030, whichever comes sooner, with the exception of coking coal, unless green steel made with hydrogen becomes a viable industry sooner than thought at present. These will all reduce the damaging effects of climate events, such as fires and excessive rain. There also needs to be properly engineered water reticulation, instead of simply running water on roads off the streets and into the bay. Water needs to be able to be absorbed back into the surface, more naturally, as in creating mangroves or reed beds. I will also stop logging on the south coast which is an unviable and highly taxpayer-subsidised industry, destroying habitat and leaving the forests exposed to fire. This would also allow birds and animals dependent on a continuous corridor when migrating, to have a greater chance of survival and population growth.

We are also a community that is concerned about the safety of our terrestrial fauna and ecosystems.

5. Do you support a mandatory requirement for the Princes Highway upgrade to include wildlife crossings and corridors such that wildlife deaths and injuries will be **significantly reduced** compared to current levels all the way to the Victorian border?

Yes

No

Undecided

Even though it adds cost to the overall bottom line of the project, protecting wildlife can be an interesting and attractive feature of a highway. A vegetated overpass- only for animals- north of Port Macquarie is really effective and looks great. Underpasses can also be effective, as long as there is a barrier in between them to stop animals wandering onto the road. Corridors are extremely important, as I explained in the previous answer, especially for animals which are migrating or are used to using particular tracks or breeding grounds. Cars will eventually have detection to slow the vehicle down, or safely steer to miss animals, but that could be a long way off, and we all know that Australian animals have no road sense.