

Denman Conservancy Association

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Policy:

DCA Policy re Development

1. The default position of DCA, except under the conditions set out in paragraphs 4 and 5 below, is:
 - a. we do not take a position in support of, or in opposition to, a development proposal whether it is on or off Denman Island
 - b. we do not undertake projects that include development as a component
2. DCA as an organization may assist any party to better understand the conservation values and potential impact of development of their land on Denman Island by recommending appropriate expertise either from the membership or elsewhere.
3. DCA may organize projects that generate information about conservation values and promote conservation of public lands on Denman Island, and of private land that meets DCA selection criteria, which will depend on the project's objectives and plan. E.g. the stewardship program invited participation from any landowner with the understanding that a commitment to conservation would be made by the owner. Factors considered would include:
 - capacity of DCA to meet all eligible requests for assistance;
 - prima facie conservation values of the private land;
 - prior commitment of the landowner to undertaking conservation measures such as placing covenants;
 - in the event that the project is equivalent in magnitude to a capital expenditure of greater than \$10,000, that a Special Resolution of the membership authorizing the project is passed at a Special General Meeting of the Association.
4. DCA may choose to participate in a project, jointly with another party, which has a significant conservation component and which will result in DCA or 'public' ownership of conservation lands or covenanted rights. Participation would be subject to meeting all the following conditions:
 - that DCA would have the capacity to undertake the project including long term support of all of its ongoing responsibilities;
 - in the event that the project is equivalent in magnitude to a capital expenditure of greater than \$10,000, that a Special Resolution of the membership authorizing the project is passed at a Special General Meeting of the Association;
 - that conservation measures are a significant proportion of the whole project;
 - that the participation of the DCA in the project is not directed, apart from advocacy of conservation, to influencing decisions of the Local Trust Committee of the Islands Trust in its regulation of land use on the Island;

5. DCA may choose to take a position in support of or in opposition to a proposed development or project that significantly affects conservation values in the Denman Island area when:

- the membership of DCA has had an opportunity to become informed about the project and the Board is satisfied that a strong majority support the position proposed to be taken;
- the proposed development or proposal would clearly and significantly affect values of concern to DCA as set out in its Objects;

6. DCA may purchase or accept ownership of any property for its own use or development (including building) regardless of any existing development on the property.

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