A “Whole of Catchment Planning Model” for Southern Tasmania

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So what do we mean.....
A ‘user friendly’ way forward for addressing social, economic, and environmental issues at a catchment scale

....otherwise known as ‘integrated catchment management’
ICM in Australia & Tasmania

Operates very differently in each state

Often community driven with varying degrees of support from different levels of government, regional NRM bodies and other stakeholders
ICM in Australia & Tasmania

In some states has a legislative basis

eg. Victoria

but not others

eg. Tasmania
What is a catchment?

Tasmanian Water Management Catchment Boundaries
Little Swanport, Glamorgan Spring Bay Municipality
Key Project Partners

Catchment / NRM Committee

Local Government, and

Regional NRM Body
Why this motley crew?

A decade of integrated catchment management
The challenge, complexity and change of government programs
A shift to regional NRM nationally
Community fatigue, cynicism and disengagement
FIRST THINGS FIRST

Genuine Commitment
Commitment of government agencies (local and state) and the NRM region
Commitment and adequate resources for a determined length of time
Review period to be determined
Do not commence the process if commitment and adequate resources are not available
FIRST THINGS FIRST

Purpose
A clearly articulated purpose

A triple bottom line approach

A realistic goal
FIRST THINGS FIRST

Resources
Extension Officer / Project Coordinator is essential

Independent facilitator is essential

Short term activities to be undertaken to build confidence and momentum
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NOW THE BALL IS ROLLING

Stakeholder Committee

Accountable, Transparent and Documented
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Communication
Clear and consistent processes

Identification of different groups and networks
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Communication
Provide regular information to stakeholders
Develop relationships and protocols
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Conflict resolution

Processes for conflict resolution
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*Legitimacy

These previous key points will all assist in establishing the *legitimacy* of both the process of ICM and the stakeholders driving the process.
ENSURING SUCCESS

Informed
Informed by research efforts for environmental, social and economic sustainability

Local stakeholders to identify issues that require data and new research

Ensuring that research outcomes will be considered in local decision making
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Realistic

Clear actions that are achievable

Recognise and respect both the commitment and capacity of volunteers

Recognise the both the commitment and capacity of paid staff
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Adaptive
There are no perfect solutions
Requires people with dedication, good will and mutual trust
Will result in, at times, turbulent and difficult situations
Change should always be anticipated and seen as an opportunity
Must be understood to be a long journey
MODEL IMPLEMENTATION

Catchments To Coasts
an integrated catchment management program for the east coast of Tasmania

Program overseen by the Glamorgan Spring Bay Council / NRM Committee in partnership with NRM South
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FIRST THINGS FIRST

Genuine Commitment

Local community

Local government

Regional NRM
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Resources

Engage the team
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A realistic goal
Build upon existing work
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Stakeholder Committee

NRM Committee

Catchment Committees
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Communication
Bi-annual newsletter

Forums

Workshops

Local Media
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Informed Community monitoring activities
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Informed

Research undertaken

and communicated
CONCLUSIONS

• It is vital that NRM is recognised as core business of local government
• All key agencies need to be in agreement and committed
• Seek, support and retain quality staff and community ‘champions’
• Take small steps, celebrate and communicate achievements
Little Swanport Catchment Extension – the essential link