



# Mornington Peninsula and Western Port Biosphere Reserve Foundation Limited



"Showing the way to sustainability"

## ADVOCACY POLICY

### **PURPOSE:**

To establish the policy of the Foundation in relation to its role as an advocate for specific issues of relevance to the Mornington Peninsula and Western Port Biosphere Reserve Foundation Ltd.

### **POLICY:**

1. The Foundation reserves the right to form a view, as a matter of principle, on issues consistent with its Charter and objectives.
2. The Foundation's position on issues must be approved by the Board and once approved, publically declared.
3. The Chair and Executive Officer, or such other person nominated by the Board, shall be the principal spokesperson of the Foundation.
4. Once the Foundation's position has been publicly declared, it reserves the right, as a matter of principle, to support its position in public fora, legitimate planning, inquiry, consultation and review processes.
5. Formal correspondence conveying the Foundation's position must be approved by the Foundation's Board or Executive.
6. Officers and agents of the Foundation, including Directors, employees, committee members of Roundtables and members of the Research Committee, are able to represent the views of the Foundation on previously publicly declared positions.
7. Positions formed by officers and agents of the Foundation in their own right, that have not been previously declared by the Foundation, must not be represented as those of the Foundation.
8. Once a position has been publicly declared, all reference, written or oral, to the issue on behalf of the Foundation, must represent that position.
9. The Board or the Executive may take all action necessary to protect the position of the Foundation by way of public apology or legal action, should the Foundation's position be misrepresented.

**Definitions:** The Board – The Board of the Foundation  
The Executive – The Executive of the Foundation  
Officers – The Executive Officer or persons delegated by the Executive  
Agents – Members of Roundtables and Committees

Approved by the Board  
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