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Penghana Heritage Project

Dear Michael,

Greetings!

Thankyou for your information regarding the Conservation Volunteers Australia proposal for heritage restoration at Penghana, a project I am very interested in.

Penghana is a true gem in both the Tasmanian and national landscape and I was privileged to visit there earlier this year to officiate at the regional launch of Ten Days on the Island.

The home and its gardens are a fine example of the resilience and determination of the people who built Tasmania's West Coast communities. To find such an example in what was a very isolated and rugged environment is remarkable in itself, and everything possible must be done to preserve it well into the future.

The West Coast community has been impacted on a number of fronts by the global financial crisis which has caused considerable employment stress. Any project which offers ongoing employment but also training and reskilling in this area would be very welcome.

I congratulate Conservation Volunteers Australia and its partners on the proposal for Penghana and wish you all the best with the project.

Kind Regards,

Sid Sidebottom MP
Federal Member for Braddon

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