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HD **Bruny locals halt project**
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PROTESTS by residents on Bruny **Island** have resulted in construction work being halted on one of several properties recently bought by overseas developers.

Work on a 31ha **property** at Simpsons Bay was stopped after complaints by several locals to Kingborough Council.

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The Sunday Tasmanian has been told gravel for a private road was being carted on to the **site**, known locally as The Bog, because it is close to sea level.

It is believed a 4200sq m building has been designed for the **site**, with speculation it will be an exclusive retreat for wealthy **Chinese** tourists. A planning application is not currently advertised on the council's website.

"Council has received a number of complaints into this matter and is investigating," a spokesman said.

"Work at the **site** has currently stopped and the matter is being discussed with the owner's representatives." The **property** is owned by a **company** called Glory Cloudy Bay Pty Ltd, which bought it for \$300,000 in March.

It is believed the project has backing from a **Chinese** developer, with four other properties on the **island** also attracting interest from Asia.

They include a cherry farm near the ferry terminal that **sold** for about \$7 million several years ago and another 120ha **property** nearby which **sold** for \$1.1 million.

The owner of one of those properties, a **company** called Ocean Lennonville Pty Ltd, is proposing a new jetty at Alexander Bay.

It has resubmitted plans to council to "allay community concerns", reducing the jetty's size by 15m.

Its new submission says the owner's 47m boat, which was to use the jetty, will be replaced by an Australian-flagged 30m vessel.

The submission states a seaplane may also be used to access the **property** "three to four times a year".

Locals believe the Morella **Island** Retreats at Adventure Bay and an adjacent **property** could also be targets amid speculation a **hotel** development is being considered.

Also, Pennicott Wilderness Journeys has flagged the redevelopment of a former caravan **park site** on the **island**.

The Simpsons Bay **property** is close to the Tasmanian Land Conservancy's Lutregala Marsh reserve, considered an important example of coastal saltmarsh and saline grassland. The reserve is home to 12 different vegetation communities and waterbirds, with locals raising concerns about the possible impact on the wetland environment.

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