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**CONTROVERSY:**  
Mayor Bertrand  
Cadart at a special  
meeting of the  
Glamorgan Spring  
Bay council.



# Blast state out of complacency

THE brouhaha over comments made by the Triabunna Mayor regarding the lack of "townscape" aesthetics is an overdue wake-up call to local government and the community at large, concerning the abysmal quality of most of the landscape planning in Tasmanian provincial towns.

The kind of crass commerciality that exists in the "dogs breakfast" of signage at the central intersection of Sorell, our tourism gateway to the East Coast and Tasman Peninsula, is a prime example of our lack of "bon gout", as Cr Cadart puts it.

Anyone who has had the privilege to visit French provincial towns will understand what Cr Cadart is on about. Beautifully landscaped towns with shady trees and relaxation areas invite travellers to stop and spend.

Broad stretches of unadorned sealed carparks have the opposite effect.

Let's hear it from more like Cr Cadart to blast us out of our complacency. Input from the professional landscape-planning community would be most welcome.

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