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**Development Application Number**  
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**Details of representation**  
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To Devonport City Council  
Devonport Tasmania

I am a Miandetta resident and ratepayer, who has lived here for 44 years. My home on Berrigan Road backs on to some of this Miandetta bushland. This is an area that has been recently flattened by that particular property owner. I have seen the devastation that this mulch clearing has had on the fauna and flora of this precious remnant area of bushland.

I was not made aware by the council of this particular development Application, nor were any of my neighbours made aware! A concerned resident from neighbouring Tugrah has kindly done a letter drop to some Miandetta residences, to inform us of this development.

I object most strongly to this proposed development.  
I object to the sneaky way you have quietly gone about trying to put through an application to amend and 'remove Devonport Reserved Residential Land' and 'remove the Priority Vegetation Area Overlay', without complete consultation and transparency to Miandetta residents.





Amendment - AM2022. 01

no. 4 : Remove the Priority Vegetation Area Overlay (in whole or part).

At the boundary of Lot 5 and Lot 6, at the edge of the Dell Luck Oval, there is a small natural spring. This spring feeds a small creek, which in turn runs along the boundary of proposed Lot 7, and the currant Penambul Drive subdivision. This small creek cascades down through fern glades, through, in places quite thick fern glades, a shelter for wildlife, where it is filtered and cleansed. Eventually this creek finds its way down to Horsehead Creek. This area is home to numerous rare fawna and beautiful flora. It's a rare source of fresh water for fawna in the whole Kelsey Tier and Miandetta green belt area. This is an important wildlife corridor for this whole area, including our birds.

There has never been a study done by the Devonport Council on the many species of fawna in this sensitive area of Miandetta bushland, particularly pertaining to the Burrowing Crayfish population. This is a protected species Devonport Council, and you are obligated by law to protect it. It has been proven that the Miandetta fernglades and creeks, are the perfect environment for the Burrowing Crayfish, and there are populations living in the mud of these water courses. This is a matching water course to the one at the end of Mungala Crescent, where burrowing crayfish were found a few years ago. This resulted in the ceasation of plans to extend Mungala Crescent through that water course, fern glade and area of remnant vegetation. This was done in order to protect the habitat of this rare species.

No one has done a study on what effect the Devonfield Development will have, after cutting off this natural spring and water course, on the crayfish, or any of other fawna who rely on this. This remnant of bushland is thick at the bottom of that Lot 7, and affords a beautiful natural fern glade environment, with waterfalls, which is precious in our fast developing city. We need to keep some remnant green spaces and large trees for the future of our environment, and our future city greenspaces. We can't just keep on 'Amending' to have them removed! They are becoming far and few between. The Don Reserve area with its introduced weeds, and constant severe vegetation burnoffs, has nothing to compare with this beautiful Miandetta bushland. I often see from the window of my house on Berrigan Road, white Gosshawks and Sea Eagles, perching and nesting in several very old gumtrees on the edge of that bushland. At night in Summer we hear Tawny Frogmouths calling from that bush. Moke Pokes calling out at night, that you will no longer hear at the Don. The trees are always full of beautiful black and yellow cockatoo. At the edges of the bushland, particularly behind Devonfield on the grass, I often see at dusk, Eastern Barred Bandicoots. These are another protected species Devonport Council! These marsupials are getting rarer now, as their habitat is pushed back by housing subdivisions, and they are preyed by domestic cats. We used to watch them playing on our lawns at night 20 years ago. Now we have lost the bushland behind Berrigan Road, and there is a bigger subdivision on Penambul drive with more roaming cats, there are no longer many bandicoots to be seen. Blue tongue lizards come in to my garden, and that of all my neighbours, during the summer months to birth their young, eat, and then retreat to the bush to hibernate during Winter. On my walks through that bushland in Summer, I regularly see Echidnas and their babies snuffling in the bush understory.

I object strongly to the complete lack of consultation and information, from the Devonport Council, with Miandetta residents. We know the area better than the Council, and it's our right as residents and ratepayers to have our say. We deserve full consultation and disclosure.

In closing, I made a video at 5.20pm, just on dusk on a Winter night last week, in our precious Miandetta bushland. I wanted to present this, but have unfortunately not been able to download it in this format. I could hear a cacophony of birds singing out, including a large group of black cockatoo. A stunning chorus of birds! I walk regularly through the Don reserve in the evening, and unfortunately you won't hear these birds out there.

Yours faithfully  
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✓ I agree that all the information i have provided is accurate and is truthful.

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✓ I agree to the privacy policy of the Devonport City Council.



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