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Dear General Manager,

I'd like to comment about the proposed inclusion of a Biodiversity Offset Policy in the Kingborough Interim Planning Scheme 2015 (and indeed, in any future Local Provisions Schedule in the Tasmanian Planning Scheme)

I would like to know the Head of Power that authorizes Kingborough Council to implement a biodiversity offset Scheme that charges money not associated with providing a service as a condition of granting planning or building approval. How any complaints have been raised against the charge.

I do not believe that the Biodiversity Policy should be included as part of the Statewide Planning Scheme as it the sole initiative of the Kingborough Council. This tax, charge, fee whatever you want to call it has not been approved by Government nor debated in Parliament, thus its inclusion in a statewide planning document appears to give it a status and credibility that is supported by Government. This I believe is misleading to the point of being unconscionable.

Given that the Federal Government is discussing a biodiversity offset system, what plans does Kingborough Council propose to ensure its ratepayers are not disadvantaged by a dual taxation system.

I condemn the inclusion of potential habitat as part of the biodiversity policy. From my perspective it is errant nonsense to use such a phrase. The whole of the Island is a potential habitat for all sorts of species including the human species.

I note that the biodiversity policy does not address the concept of control measures to prevent and control fires; a major threat to all species. What discussions, plans and policies between the council, forestry, fire safety and emergency services have been developed to ensure the safety of people, property and flora and fauna in the Kingborough and neighboring municipalities.

Kind regards,

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