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Commission Statement from the Chair

Representation 39 – Caleb Elcock & Submissions by Jenny Cambers-Smith

Part of the presentation in support of representation 39 of Mr Elcock in relation to his property at 106 Mitchells Road, Crabtree, raised issues of concern to Councillor Jenny Cambers-Smith. Principally that concern related to statements in a document that she may have acted inappropriately in relation to her role as a Huon Valley Councillor when considering the Huon Valley planning authority responses to representations in relation to its draft Local Provisions Schedule (LPS).

The Commission has received and is aware of a number of communications on this issue, between parties who are participating in the LPS process. Those communications have also raised other issues in relation to participation in the LPS assessment process.

The Commission has determined not to publish any of these communications on its website as the communications are not considered to be relevant to the Commission's assessment of the draft LPS. Further the communications will not be taken into account in the Commission's assessment processes.

However the Commission is aware that the representative of Mr Elcock has retracted the statements made about Councillor Cambers-Smith participation in the Planning Authority LPS assessment process and apologised to Councillor Cambers-Smith for any distress caused.

The Commission acknowledges that the statements made concerning Jenny Cambers-Smith participation in the planning authority LPS assessment process were published on the Commission website, as is the usual practice with submissions that are received. As soon as the Commission was advised of the withdrawal of the statements, the content of the document that contained the statements was redacted as requested by Mr Elcock's representative.

The Commission apologises to Councillor Cambers-Smith for any distress that may have been caused as a result of the publication of the document on the Commission website.

The Commission will publish this statement on its website.