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Mr John Ramsay
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Meander Valley draft Local Provisions Schedule Zoning of Sibelco Lime (Tasmania) Pty Ltd quarry

Dear Mr Ramsay

Thank you for the opportunity to provide advice to the Tasmanian Planning Commission (the Commission) regarding the most appropriate zone to apply to land parcels (PID) 7287876 and 6271469 that are subject to Mining Leases 1885P/M and 96M/1971 within which the Sibelco Lime Pty Ltd quarry operates.

As you have noted, Mineral Resources Tasmania (MRT) did not make representation as part of the broader State Growth submission, largely due to the fact that Level 2 quarries such as the Sibelco Lime quarry, are treated as discretionary developments regardless of whether the zone is Rural or Agriculture (or Rural Resource or Significant Agriculture in many of the current interim planning schemes) by virtue of section 25(1) of the *Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994*.

I acknowledge that Meander Valley Council has not directly transitioned existing Rural Resource zoning to the Rural Zone as part of the development of its Local Provisions Schedule (LPS) but rather to the Agriculture Zone, which is consistent with the State mapping layer Land Potentially Suitable for Agriculture Zone. However, I agree with the representation Meander Valley Council has made seeking to zone the land Rural to better reflect the Rural Zone purpose and zone application LPS Guideline No 1, and also to be consistent with the treatment with other quarries in the municipality.

Regardless of the Discretionary status prescribed by EMPCA, MRT and State Growth more broadly are of the view that where practical, the Rural Zone is the most appropriate zone for enterprises such as the Sibelco Lime quarry. We also recognise that this will not always be the case, particularly in circumstances where the primary use of the land is clearly agriculture.

I would also like to advise that State Growth has liaised with the Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment (DPIPWE) and Secretary Mr John Whittington, has indicated his support for the approach outlined in this correspondence.

In summary, the request from Meander Valley Council to allocate Rural zoning to land parcels (PID) 7287876 and 6271469 is a pragmatic one, and consistent with the expectations of DPIPWE and State Growth, and that is; where a quarry is clearly the primary use of the subject land and contiguous with other Rural zoned land, then the most appropriate approach is to apply the Rural Zone.

Please do not hesitate to contact Selena Dixon, Manager Planning Policy, on (03) 6166 3481 or email Selena.dixon@stategrowth.tas.gov.au who can respond to further queries relating to this matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'K. Robinson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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