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To: General Manager

Dear Mr Monson

I am writing to suggest changes to planning for Latrobe Council - Port Sorell area.

1. Installation of garden water tanks to minimise storm water run-off
2. Restrict hard surfaces on properties to minimise water runoff (which ends up on the beaches)
3. Tree planting to replace all the trees removed over the years

It has become more evident as Port Sorell has developed more housing and Climate Change starts to bite, that storm water runoff has increased significantly.

Council are in a perfect position to prevent much of this damage by increasing requirements for new builds & encouraging established residents to retro-fit garden water tanks. When we planned our new house at Hawley (2011) we factored in a 25,000 litre water tank where rain water is captured off all roof areas to then be used on our garden. We also deliberately planned to restrict hard surfaces around the garden. Instead we factored in 2 lawn areas, a crushed granite driveway, lots of garden & gravel paths. We had prior to this build, spent 35 years in Melbourne where home owners were encouraged to put in water tanks - this was 25 years ago.

I am now very aware of recent flooding at Hawley & understand that areas of Port Sorell have also flooded causing damage to people's properties. Hawley has been affected by storm water run-off since the recent Chromy estate has commenced building at Hawley.

More trees need to be planted on nature strips, foreshore & residents encouraged to add to gardens. This would help stabilise ground, sink carbon, give shade in summer, prevent erosion (particularly on the foreshore).

If these items do not fit the planning schedule, perhaps Council will see fit to consider them as preventative measures in the near future.

Yours sincerely
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