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To whom it may concern,

I am submitting a representation to the Kingborough Biodiversity Offset Policy 6.1, August 2022.

As an owner of a Rural Resource Zoned property in Kingborough, this Biodiversity Policy as a whole should not be applied to these zoned properties. Properties such as ours were purchased with the intention to utilise and cultivate the land. This is also the intention behind the zoning of such property in the first place. The Biodiversity policy, which was applied to properties throughout Kingborough without proper consultation initially, significantly limits the ability for anyone to do anything with the land they own outside of the small hazard management area.

There seems to be a 'one size fits all' approach, without consideration of each property, the actual 'biodiversity or natural values' on that block, what that block was previously used for and what the current owners intend to use the land for.

Not only are we significantly frustrated by this policy, but our land rights have also been reduced without our consent or knowledge. We can no longer even slash brackenfern and spanish heath on our property - let alone cultivate the land (which was a main reason for purchase of this type of property in the first place).

I know I speak for a number of other Rural Resource Zoned property owners - we are all incredibly frustrated and feel as though this policy and the council are going out of their way to make it harder for us to use our own land, and aiming to reduce our land rights.

The biodiversity policy SHOULD NOT be applied to Rural Resource Zoned properties, or at the very least there should only be a percentage of the property that falls under the policy, this being in consultation with the owner of the property in the first place.