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Subject: Rep # 26 Land Zoning HVC 18 July Jeanette and Ed Gormley
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[NichollsRvt_Gormley_1982.jpeg](#)
[NichollsRvt_Gormley_1965.jpeg](#)

Further to the request to be zoned Rural and not LCZ.

Please see the attached letter and historical aerial photographs from Amy Robertson, showing that all the adjoining land to the bottom of my property was intensively cleared and is now just silver wattle with no significant biodiversity value to justify LCZ. I would like you to reconsider reclassification of properties to my W,SW and S as Rural with the split zone of my NE forest as LCZ or full-title Rural with recognition of potential forest biodiversity through overlay of Priority Vegetation Area.

Could you please acknowledge receipt of this information and request request.

Yours faithfully

Jeanette and Ed Gormley

Hi Jeanette and Ed,

I was online listening to your presentation to the TPC hearing earlier today, and it struck me that there's a little more going on with your property than was mentioned by Council's consultant during hearing, when under-represented vegetation systems were mentioned.

For background, I work in the Huon Valley as a Forest Practices Officer and have significant background in forest management, governance and local council - and I currently volunteer as secretary of Huon Valley Zoning Association, who aim to assist our community to participate in these hearings and in having an effective planning scheme.

I've attended many of the hearing days but was working from home today, and wasn't on the front foot to offer input to your presentation (as I sometimes do if I'm aware of more than Council and its consultants).

I looked at aerial photography of your property and am struck by the even textured forest canopy, with small crowns indicating a predominantly regrowth eucalypt canopy. I've also observed a significant area of silver wattle to the SW of your property, which in this sort of location indicates an area of past clearing that's regenerating poorly. It struck me that Council weren't strongly inclined to look at other zoning options because other zoning around you was either proposed as LCZ or Environmental Management.

I looked back on some historical aerial photography, and there's quite a story there on how past use has created the current forest types. I've attached snippets of aerial photos from 1965, 1982 and 1996 which show quote extensive clearing to your SW, indicating that where forest has regrown it likely holds less biodiversity value from mature habitat elements (hollows, coarse woody debris etc) than older forest.

The property to your SW in particular shows extensive past impact from agriculture and clearing. I don't believe it's biodiversity values would be significant enough to justify LCZ. The titles immediately to your west and south are also historically impacted from more intensive use, and again this detracts from the values Council claims would justify LCZ.

The forest on the NE part of your title is I suspect largely regenerated post-1967 bushfire. I'm not able to tell from aerial photography, but it's more possible that mature habitat elements may exist

there (though equally, they may not have persisted). If it is wet E. obliqua forest as mapped on Tasveg, it's not terribly special in the context of Huon Valley biodiversity.

I wonder if the potential reclassification of properties to your W, SW and S as Rural might open an option for at least the SW cleared corner of your property to be zoned as Rural, with potential split zone of your NE forest as LCZ or indeed full-title Rural with recognition of the potential forest biodiversity through overlay of Priority Vegetation Area.

Please feel free to use this email in support of your case, or to contact me for further information or discussion.

Kind regards,

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UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC): "a sustainable forest management strategy aimed at maintaining or increasing forest carbon stocks while producing timber, fibre, or energy, generates the largest sustained benefit to mitigate climate change

