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To: Sorell Council
Subject: General Manager/Bally Park Rd Subdivision.

RE - Subdivision at eastern end of Bally Park Rd.

This land is a natural watercourse feeding in to the lagoon/wetland area.

Native fauna being marsupials and birds still move between the beach dune area, the lagoon, this block and the surrounding residential area. Some of the species are on the threatened list.

Of my 33 years living in the district and 20 years of keeping records of fauna (particularly threatened species) all ground dwelling fauna has gone backwards in numbers. Some now locally extinct altogether.

Unfortunately wherever we subdivide and develop, all ground dwelling species numbers decline.

Do we expect all ground living fauna to only live in national parks?

It doesn't have to be so, but we need to get stricter on our subdivision conditions if we are to live sustainably with native fauna. We can have development and protect native species.

In the mid 2000's council approved a subdivision off Alomes Rd. Griersons Rd. A comprehensive environmental report was done before subdivision approval and threatened species were found to be habituating there.

Supposedly strict conditions re vegetation clearance and no cats were part of the conditions.

Within months of the subdivision being approved much vegetation was removed from areas that were to be protected.

I know some residents there now or have had cats.

Council has done nothing to enforce the subdivision conditions. Even though I alerted them.

The beautiful Eastern Barred Bandicoot (on the threatened species list) which was once common in the Alomes Rd/Griersons Rd area is now not seen at all. Cats being its main predator. Dogs second and habitat loss third.

Also the Tasmanian Bettong, once common, not seen for 3 years.

I could go on with the other species that have gone backwards, some now locally extinct.

I'm very sad and disappointed with councils lack of adherence to their threatened species obligations.

So with this subdivision at Bally Park Rd can we please have a more comprehensive environmental report before approval, with strict environmental conditions which are to be enforced.

I suggest larger block size, no cats and preferably no dogs with native flora clearance kept to a minimum.

Though if we really cared for the environment council would decline subdivision approval and make the land a reserve.

Thanks for the opportunity to make a representation.

Glenn Millar