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From: Spring Vale Wines <tim@springvalewines.com>
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Dear Greg,

I wish to raise my concerns over the possible dissatisfaction that will be created upon approval and building of the Tempus Village in relation to supply of water. I am a local irrigator to the north of Swansea and have seen the Swan River simply drawn to its last drop many times over numerous summers. I am also one of the few who hold a summer take license from this river. The current way that TasWater manages this resource with complete disregard to both environmental flows and in any type of cooperative manner with other license holders, such as myself, is disgraceful. For any type of approval to supply water to a new community is simply impossible without the major improvement of the current management practices. The installation of a dam has done nothing to alleviate these issues. The point at which water is being taken to supply Swansea is continually drawn down until it is a muddy puddle. This is only allowed given the type of license they hold and the complete mismanagement of this resource is ignored. I write to you asking you focus some attention on fixing this type of mismanagement BEFORE any type of new development to the scale of Tempus is allowed to go ahead. The value of my water license has simply decreased to zero because of this practice and the basics of adequate storage are necessary before the community is able to further draw on this resource. Your local community will have major concerns if not addressed prior to this development.

Secondly, I would like to point out the quality of the current infrastructure within Swansea itself. My mother lives behind to the school and has major issues with any type of water pressure. It is to the point where we need to fill a water tank with Swansea water supply mains, and then supply the house directly from that tank so she can have adequate pressure. Many others are in the same position and for council to develop such an isolated project is of major concern. This development within the town area would have a flow on affect to locals as the infrastructure is upgraded. My mother being a keen supporter of that.

Thirdly, I have watched the Cambria Green development being stalled on the basis of creating a gated community on the northern outskirts of Swansea. It very much seems like you are about to approve the same type of project to the south just because some locals are behind it. My concern is to precedent it creates for Cambria Green to also be approved.

And finally, I would just like to point out the unknown effects of spray drift from neighbouring vineyards. The EPA has done a lot of work to limit how close houses are allowed to be situated to vineyards. As I live on one myself, we have made the conscious decisions to NOT install rainwater tanks as the run-off from the roof will contain these chemicals. This is a major unknown as to the long term consequence of slowly being poisoned by small amounts of insecticides. This may be worth pointing out to the developers and so I guess if they remove tanks, it will place a lot more pressure in the already inadequate town water system.

Kind Regards,

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