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**Subject:** Blackswan Lagoon Scenic Protection Area  
**Attachments:** Ochre-Rain Letter of Support Blackswan Lagoon Scenic Area Huon Valley Council.pdf

Dear Huon Valley Council,

Attached is a letter of support from Ochre-Rain for the classification of the area around Blackswan Lagoon (Recherche Bay) to be a Scenic Protection Area.

Kind regards,

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## Huon Valley Council

### C8.0 Scenic Protection Area application over the Southport Conservation Area heritage site (Blackswan Lagoon Scenic Protection Area)

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Ochre-Rain is an Aboriginal owned social enterprise that works to address inequality, improve and build capacity within our communities and heal Country.

Ochre-Rain develops and promotes collaborative ways of working with Aboriginal people and communities for projects and organisations, enabling Aboriginal cultural knowledge and practice to become embedded in the places, systems and communities we live in, in a way that is appropriate and culturally safe. This approach brings people together and results in shared outcomes; generating opportunities for cross-cultural collaboration, and reimagining relationships with Country and the places and spaces around us.

Grounding projects in culture and Country informs an understanding of the interconnectedness of all systems, beings and things. Sustainable practices have been used by Aboriginal people in caring for Country and Community for thousands of generations before colonisation. We work to ensure these practices are embraced and valued by the broader community so that they may continue, so our communities can be more connected, and equality for Aboriginal people and communities can be realised sooner.

Ochre-Rain brings over 50 years of combined experience in Aboriginal Affairs, policy, project management, relationships, program development, community engagement, research, and creative practice to support organisations in making a real difference in the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Our growing network of partners form part of a broader, collective action to support Aboriginal people in realising their aspirations for their communities and Country.

Ochre-Rain supports the application to the Huon Valley Council for the area over the Southport Lagoon Conservation Area and neighbouring properties to be classified as a Scenic Protection Area within the Tasmanian Planning Scheme. The proposed Blackswan Lagoon Scenic Protection Area would provide greater protection of the area's unique

aesthetic and historically significant features. The proposed classification would prevent inappropriate development in the area that would have a devastating impact on the scenic and other values in the area such as the Aboriginal cultural values, historic heritage values and natural values.

Ochre-Rain strongly supports the application for the Blackswan Lagoon Scenic Protection Area.

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