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To whom it may concern,

Please see attached a letter from the Tasmanian Land Conservancy supporting application of planning measures for robust protection of cultural and natural values of the Blackswan Lagoon through designation of a Scenic Protection Area.

I welcome further queries and discussion regarding my organisation's support.

Kind regards,
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TASMANIAN LAND CONSERVANCY

17 September 2026

Huon Valley Council
40 Main Street
Huonville TAS 7109

Dear Mayor and Councilors of the Huon Valley Council,

Re: Draft Amendment to the Huon Valley Local Provisions Schedule (LPS)
AM-HVC-1 Blackswan Lagoon Scenic Protection Area

The Tasmanian Land Conservancy is pleased to provide its strong support for the proposed amendment AM-HVC-1 which would apply a Scenic Protection Area to the Blackswan Lagoon landscape through the Huon Valley Local Provisions Schedule.

The Tasmanian Land conservancy (TLC) is a not-for-profit, apolotical, registered charitable environmental organisation that protects native species and their habitat on private land (www.tasland.org.au, ABN 88 743 606 934). Since establishing in 2001, the TLC now cares for 27 conservation reserves extending over 30,000 ha and works with private landholders across an additional 70,000 ha of Tasmania.

We strongly support recognition of the cultural and natural heritage values of Blackswan Lagoon and the surrounding landscape and consider that Scenic Protection Area status is an important and appropriate means of ensuring these values are protected for future generations. TLC contributes to the protection and care of these values at our Recherche Bay Reserve and works with neighbours to do so, including the Leprena Trust and the Tasmanian Parks and Wildlife Service. TLC's 258 ha Recherche Bay Reserve is the largest freehold property within the proposed Scenic Protection Area. The Reserve was protected through an upwelling of support from the community in the early 2000s and was recently extended with the addition of a further 5 ha of land at Quiet Cove in 2024.

The Blackswan Lagoon landscape has considerable historical, cultural and natural significance. It is a place where the continuing cultural connection of Tasmanian Aboriginal people intersects with a remarkable history of early European exploration. Of particular significance are the positive encounters between Tasmanian Aboriginal people and French expeditioners in the late eighteenth century. These encounters form an important part of the

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shared history of the area and reinforce the need to recognise and protect the landscape in which this history unfolded.

The landscape also possesses significant natural values. Its undeveloped and relatively intact qualities contribute to the experience and appreciation of the area. Protecting this visual integrity is not simply a matter of amenity; it is an important part of conserving the broader values of the landscape.

We particularly support the use of strong, positive planning language that seeks to “avoid” and “enhance” impacts, rather than relying on the weaker concept of “minimise”. Where a landscape has such significant cultural, natural and visual values, the planning framework should establish a clear expectation that these values will be protected and, wherever possible, enhanced. Avoidance of adverse visual impacts should be the starting point, rather than accepting impacts and seeking only to minimise them.

We also consider that the proposed Scenic Protection Area is especially important because there are limited alternative planning or legislative safeguards for the visual integrity of these landscapes. Without this designation, significant aspects of the character and visual experience of Blackswan Lagoon may not be adequately recognised or protected through other planning frameworks.

For these reasons, TLC strongly supports the application of the Blackswan Lagoon Scenic Protection Area and encourages Huon Valley Council to support the amendment as exhibited and to ensure that its intent is retained through the planning approval process.

The Blackswan Lagoon is a uniquely precious landscape for its rich cultural heritage, natural values and visual qualities. TLC is proud to contribute to the preservation of this landscape and urges the Huon Valley Council to apply the local planning measures that will support the ongoing maintenance of the Blackswan Lagoon’s special values for future generations.

Yours sincerely,

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