

Presentation. Helen Tait - LCZ for Lot 1 Green Tier Creek CT 148082/1

Items for LCZ hearing presentation

#1 John Thompson's map of the territory

#2 Rocka Rivulet Reserve

#3 Signature photo – The LittleSwanport River Valley landscape

#4 a-d representative photos of the land on the Rocka Plateau

#5 a-e natural things on the Rocka Plateau (add photo of wedge-tailed eagle & baby dragon lizard)

#6 Charming glen representative of the rock plate vegetation on the Rocka Plateau

#7 Green Tier Creek lower Gorge

#8 Green Tier Creek Gorge near Deep Falls and The Devil's Whirlpool

#9 Closer up landscape view of the Little Swanport River Valley

[Maybe add item #10 and #11 to address the need for sensible connectivity in the LCZ ;

#10 The exquisite photo of the flowering musk forest in the nearby Tooms Lake Reserve + explain that just behind it the forestry land is fully clear felled and hot burned to bare scorched earth.

#11 Photos of the Butlers National Nature Reserve in tact plus a few of the photos of the 100 plus old habitat trees destroyed in a prescribed hazard reduction, non-ecological, burn 2021 - documented in my scrap book called “Helen, we will protect the Habitat Trees” ]

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Thankyou Mr Commission .....

Firstly I refer to my original representation to council which you will have. [\[Insert my representation to Council 2021...\]](#)

Today I would like to present photographic representation to support the concept of Landscape Conservation Zoning for my property and the land surrounding my property in the Eastern Tiers known as Green Tier Creek

My land is on the remote open woodland of the Rocka Plateau above the Little Swanport River. To the west is the NPWS Rocka Rivulet Reserve (NPWS) and to east is Forestry land, then the large Butlers Ridge Nature Reserve. A little to the north is Tooms Reserve and several smaller reserves for the protection of specific Eucalypt species. To the South east is the Swanston Reserve and then the Buckland military area. The land is remote and wild and holds many registered and unique natural values. (And just to say that from the highest point of the Rocka Plateau one can see Freycinet Peninsula and Maria Island)

[\[Insert Johns annotated map as Item #1 and put List Map on the screen – Aerial with Cadastral, Covenanted and Public Reserve land overlaid at 80% transparency.\]](#)

I speak today for myself, for Matthew Cloudsdale, and the Helsinki Foundation as owners of the three blocks on the plateau adjacent to the Rocka Rivulet Reserve and Green Tier Creek.

[\[Put up representative photos of the Rocka Plateau properties bordering the Rocka Reserve. Insert and put on screen Item #4a to 4e and then the main landscape image Item #3\]](#)

It is indeed important conservation land for the SMC to recognise.

While the SM municipality is so dominated by land prioritised for rural activity it is of great credit that the council has chosen to also acknowledge the presence of land of national conservation significance, and to apply this new zoning to help to secure that recognition. In my thinking it is the extremes of landforms and landuse that makes for the remarkability of this municipality and of our state.

Seven nearby covenanted properties have been represented by JT from CLT

[Defer to the List aerial overlay map again and point out the covenanted land on the map]

Some have been supported for LCZ and for some we have no personal representations one way or the other. This number recognises that many titles in this area have acquired full recognition for having the significant representative plant communities and for significant rare and endangered species.

[Put on screen Item #5a-d common and rare plants. (Include photo of dragon lizard, eagle and JS doing the DPIPWE Vegetation assessment if I can plus)

Item #6 Woodland glen of tiny poa, mosses and bright green sedges – rock plate vegetation

Item #7 & #8 Landscape of Green Tier Creek to the west] .

This part of the Eastern Tiers has outstanding landscape and landform value and is prime habitat for our iconic Tasmanian species. Wedge-tailed eagles and rare and special plants, the endangered mask owl, swift parrot, quoll, and devil, and, dare we ever imagine, a habitat for the lost thylacine. In thinking of the threatened listings we need recognition that these species are fully dependant on a thriving natural ecology of the myriad of native plants, fungi, insects, animals and soil microbes that makes up the wooded environment.

[Put back on screen Item #3the photo of the Little Swanport catchment ]

**Talk to this photo as a grand unit of landscape/ landform worthy of the status LCZ**

The LSwt River bed,

The grand escarpment,

The inaccessibly steep, deeply incised gullies and streams running down to the main river

The territory where eagles fly and humans can be be enchanted and enriched

The gullies where remnant large Oyster Bay pines still thrive at the edge of the limit of their westward range.

[Locate the properties again on the List Map re Item #1 and point out the hole in the unit if Oliver's land is not included. Also the danger of the impact of agricultural development right up to the edges of the gullies.]

My titled land is but one part of this Eastern Tiers remote locality.

I have embraced the personal responsibility of its conservation covenant along side state, national and international responsibility to protect it.

It want to emphasis that it is of reduced conservation value on its own.

Its very great added value is of being part of the Eastern Tiers locally, and the Tasmanian landscape generally.

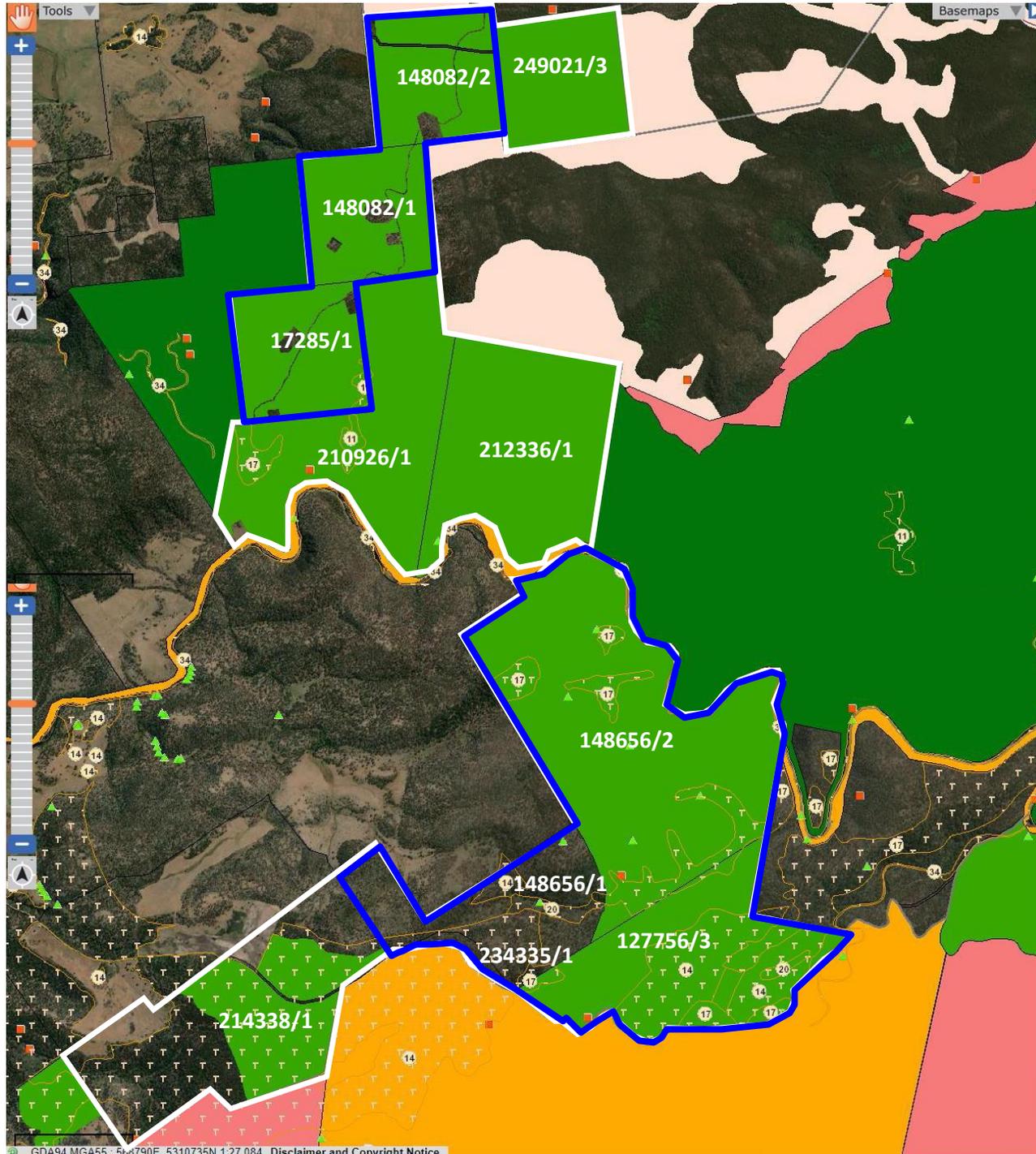
As JT will have pointed out the covenanted blocks here have useful immediate connectivity ripe for authentic and effective LC zoning. It is for itself, and in context, worthy of SMC's and my whole hearted endorsement of the application of the LCZoning to this land and its surrounds.

[Perhaps talk here a little more of importance of including land as a unit rather than an individual title ie In Photo #3 Point out the hole if Oliver's land is not included and that half the picture has no protection status at all]

**In summary:** I believe the application of this zoning to the area generally provides an essential integration of the opportunity of connectivity already available here through the covenanting system. Including all the titles referred to in my representation would strengthen the integrity, the protection and the true meaning and intent of the application of LC zoning. That is the placing of, and the valuing of, our significant conservation landscapes into the State Wide Planning Scheme.

Thankyou .....

**Item 1 - Tooms Lake Road – Swanston Road – Daniels Road**



**Maudorrie Pastoral Pty Ltd**  
CT 249021/3

**Matthew Cloudsdale**  
CT 148082/2

**Helen Tait**  
CT 148082/1

**Helsinki Foundation SR**  
CT 17285/1

**Oliver and Jessie Strutt**  
CT 210926/1  
CT 212336/1

**Wildlife Reserve Pty Ltd**  
CT 148656/2  
CT 148656/1  
CT 234335/1  
CT 127756/3

**Daniel and Rebekah Tribolet**  
CT 214338/1

**Item 2 - Rocka Rivulet Reserve**



**Item 3 - Little Swanport River Valley landscape**



**Item 4a - Rocka Plateau harvested woodland**



Item 4b - Rocky semi alpine Rocka Plateau



**Item 4c - Looking over Green Tier Creek from the Helsinki block**



**Item 4d - Grand old trees Rocka Plateau**



Item 4e - Green Tier Creek in flood



Item 5 - Examples of plants both threatened and common on the Rocka Plateau



*Daviesia  
ulicifolia*



*Millotia tenuifolia* closeup



*Hovea heterophylla*



Love Creeper in Caterpillar Wattle

**Item 6 - Charming glen representative of rock plate vegetation on the Rocka Plateau**



**Item 7**  
**Green Tier Creek**  
**Lower Gorge**



**Item 8**  
**Green Tier Creek Gorge**  
**near Deep Falls and the**  
**Devil's Whirlpool**



**Item 9**  
**Little Swanport River**  
**Valley**

