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Subject: hearing for rezoning and subdivision on the L'ton golf course

TPC Hearing for rezoning and residential subdivision on L'ton golf course.
Paola, Thank you for directing me to the associated correspondence.

In one letter to or from Council there is talk of what trees to be considered; identified, counted and replaced 2 for 1 but I cant find further discussion or submission about this. I note some points of comment about tree diameters and I expect that this will be a stipulation in formally identifying old 'Habitat Trees'. However, I need to emphasis that in an island oasis situation, every tree and understory tree, shrub and grass is a essentially a habitat tree

Further more, in the ecology for remnant native bushland all ages and stages of original species are significant for function and sustainability. Large habitat trees that might be retained isolated from the understory, are both vulnerable and markedly less valuable.

Mark Wapstra of Eco Consultancy seems to agree with my representation on many of the basic ecological principles. He also seems to indicate that he is only tasked to be interested in reporting on rare plants especially orchids even though he knows that many surrounding biological elements count for the sustenance and existence of rare species at all.

Brunonia australis, a vulnerable species is recorded for this site and the interconnected reserves at Carr villa near by. Several more rare and threatened species are recorded from Carr Villa and could possibly remain in the soil seed bank in original bushland and native grassland of the golf course.

Further more I still cannot comprehend how Private Reserve status under the Nature Conservation Act does not have weight for protection through our planning laws (unless it is another omission where legislation is not ratified across all jurisdictions). Surely our planner have some responsibility to ensure that the DA that they accept and put to a vote at Council has a basic integrity suitable to operation throughout all of the municipality and the State.

I will meet with members of the Launceston branch of the Australian Plant Society before next Wednesday to see if we can advance any more by way of justification for protecting this reserve and rejecting the rezoning prior to further consideration of its destruction for human housing.

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