

Representation No 37

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Subject: Draft BreakO'Day LPS
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[BORNEMISSZA PROTECTED AREA.jpeg](#)
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[Threatened Vegetation and Fauna in FPPF land surrounding Blue Tier Reserve v2.pdf](#)

Dear Break O'Day Council,

Please find attached submission into draft zoning of our private property and surrounding FPPF Land plus supporting evidence.

Yours sincerely,

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Attention: Break O'Day Planning Authority

Request to rezone our property to Landscape Conservation zone and proposal to rezone the two adjoining FPPFL titles to Environmental Management

Rezoning of 201 Terry Hill Road to Landscape Conservation

We are the owners of the conservation property at 201 Terry Hill Road, Goshen (PID 6805379, CT 239330/1, 239331/1 and 239332/1). In the currently exhibited Break O'Day Draft Local Provisions Schedule our property has been rezoned as Agriculture.

We request that this be changed as three titles have a conservation covenant. A conservation covenant is a legally binding agreement. It is protected under law. It is therefore not appropriate to have these titles listed as Agriculture. The changes proposed in the Break O'Day draft – LPS must reflect the status of the land in question and Landscape Conservation zone better reflects this.

Before the 47.9 ha Blue Tier Reserve was protected by conservation covenant on our 81 ha property I was approached by Commonwealth Government representatives to place the forested land into a CAR reserve to protect the Bornemissza's Stag Beetle and Eucalyptus ovata forest, as well as Eucalyptus viminalis. Reports by Karen Richards (1999) and Jeff Meggs all point to increased protection for the Bornemissza's Stag Beetle. The overlap between this species and the Simpsons Stag Beetle was also seen as being vitally important to protect. When it was agreed to protect our private property an approach was made to Forestry Tasmania to review logging plans around the area of the private covenant.

In 2003 Forestry Tasmania, realizing the importance of the Private Reserve, put in place a 73.5 hectare Protected Area for the Bornemissza Stag Beetle. Jeff Meggs, two District Foresters and myself surveyed the surrounding forest before they settled on the boundaries. All representatives from the Commonwealth, Forestry Tasmania and myself did what we could for the conservation of protected fauna under the EPBC Act. The late Dr George Bornemissza OAM, the scientist responsible for the species listing, believed the

reserve area too small. This recognition by both the State Government as part of Tasmania's Reserve Estate under the RFA and the Commonwealth Government as part of Australia's National Reserve System for protection of the biodiversity it contains, was made at the highest level of Government.

In its representation, Conservation Landholders Tasmania (CLT) has presented a detailed case for rezoning our property to Landscape Conservation based on Guidelines LCZ1 and AZ6. In addition to the two threatened vegetation communities No 20 *Eucalyptus ovata* forest and woodland and No 25 *Eucalyptus viminalis* wet forest, our property contains and provides habitat for the EPBC listed Critically Endangered *Hoplogonus bornemisszai* (Bornemissza's stag beetle). Our property is part of a broader area of habitat for *Hoplogonus bornemisszai* which together with various other threatened species, is recognised by Sustainable Timbers Tasmania (formerly Forestry Tasmania) in the attached report and map.

Rezoning of surrounding FPPF land to Environmental Management to incorporate Bornemissza's stag beetle Protection Area

Because the natural values protected by the Blue Tier Reserve, including the range of the critically endangered Bornemissza's stag beetle, extend across the two adjoining Future Potential Production Forest titles (PID 3385639, CT 159503/1 and CT not listed) we propose that these two titles are rezoned to Environmental Management to provide landscape-wide planning protection for these natural values. The threatened vegetation communities and threatened fauna observations are shown in the attached PDF.

Also attached to this email are photographs of three historical documents showing the Bornemissza's stag beetle Protection Area declared by Forestry Tasmania, the potential range of this species identified by the Forest Practices Authority, and an article about the beetle sanctuary. Scanned copies will be provided to the Planning Authority as soon as practicable.

The planning guidelines used when preparing Local Provision Schedules for FPPFL have deemed these titles Rural. We believe they should be re-classified to Environmental Management as it better reflects the economic status of the land to the community and the biodiversity within.

The FPPFL contains:

1. Threatened Species Habitat.
2. Wedge Tail Eagle nesting sites.
3. The Vegetation backdrop to the Blue Tier Reserve when viewed on the drive between Goshen and Blue Tier along Lottah Road.
4. Mountain bike trails including the Blue Tier to Bay of Fires 42km descent an important tourism asset.
5. A natural carbon capture and storage area of forested land.

It was Sir David Attenborough that said in his book "A Life on this Planet"

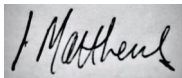
‘To restore stability to our Planet, therefore, we must restore its biodiversity, the very thing we have removed. It is the only way out of the crisis that we have created. We must rewild the World.’

Environmental Management better reflects the need to protect forested land as an investment in mitigating Climate Change and better reflects the economic base of this East Coast economy of tourism and agriculture.

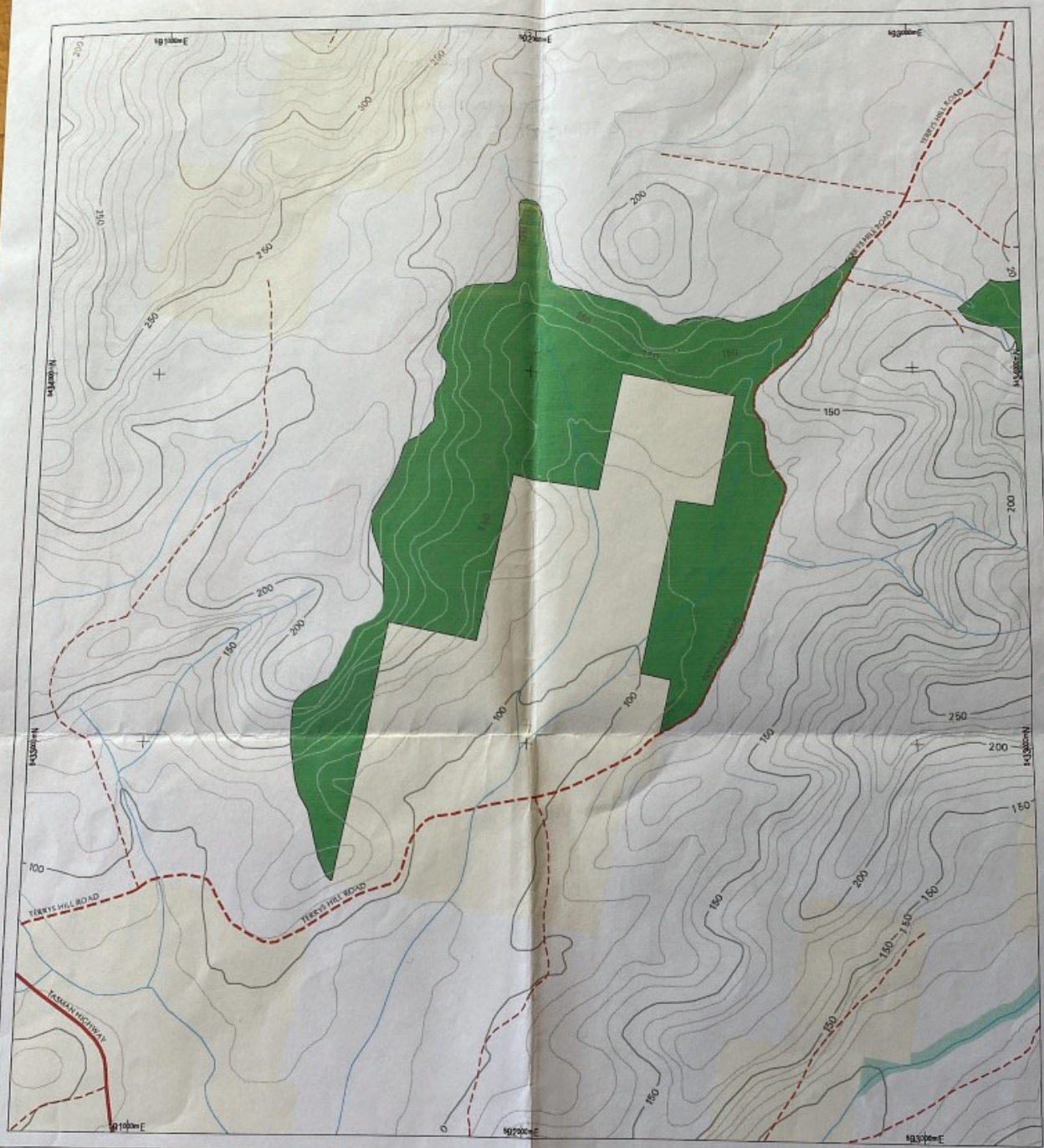
We understand that DPIPWE has agreed to the rezoning of areas of FPPF land in other municipalities, and while these titles were not included in the 25,800 ha of FPPF land to be added to the Tasmanian Reserve Estate, their historically recognised natural values warrant their consideration by DPIPWE for the Environmental Management Zone.

Acknowledgement and receipt of our representation would be appreciated.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'I. Matthews', on a light-colored background.

Ian C. Matthews



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| Private Land | Intermediate Depression Contour (10m interval) | Vehicular track fine track (unformed 2.4 |
| Streamside Reserve | 60 Metre Contour (25K) | Neatline Old interval 1000 METERS |
| MDC Protection | Not coded | |
| Rivers, Streams & Creeks (25K) | Primary all weather 2 lane access | |
| Intermediate Contour (10m interval) | Significant all weather 2 lane feeder | |
| Index Depression Contour (50m interval) | Heavy vehicle single lane access road | |

73.5 ha

LOCATION MAP



NOTE: Co-ordinates on this map are based on GDA94. Any topographic data on this map has been supplied by DPIWE. Data has been captured at differing scales & boundaries may not always co-incide.



Bornemisszas Stag Beetle Protection Area

Map Ident: plot030723_1
Date: July 23, 2003

Prepared by: Oka Santoso
Prepared For:

Scale 1:10000



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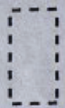
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Threatened Species Range

Bornemizzas stag beetle



Known localities
Potential range



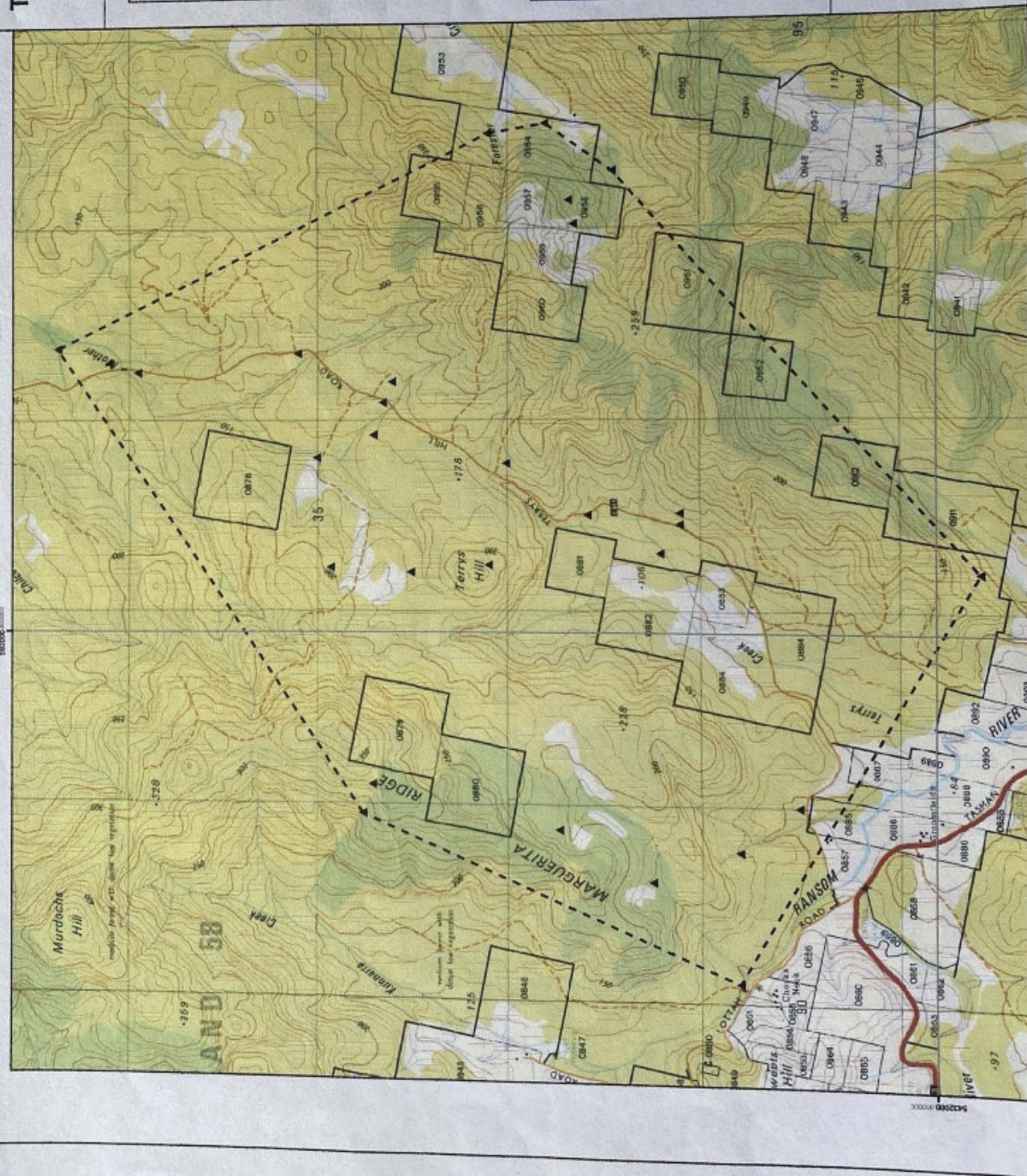
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Sources:
Base layers (The LIST)
FPP (FPA)

Datum: GDA 1994
Date: 3/11/2006
Prepared by: David Wilson
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FOREST PRACTICES AUTHORITY



new sanctuary for a rare beetle



The future of an endangered Tasmanian stag beetle is looking brighter thanks to the joint action of Forestry Tasmania and a private land-owner in the state's north-east.

Forestry Tasmania has joined with landowner, Ian Matthews of Gould's Country, to reserve a total of 120 hectares of habitat of an endangered species, the Bornemisszas stag beetle.

The beetle is named after the scientist who discovered the species, Dr George Bornemissza, whose extensive collection of beetles from around the world is housed in the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery. The beetle only occurs in the Goulds Country area in north-east Tasmania where it is restricted to around 970 hectares. A feature of the male Bornemisszas stag beetle, and its stag beetle relations, is its large pincers or jaws, which resemble deer antlers.

Forestry Tasmania has established a 70 hectare reserve in prime Bornemisszas stag beetle territory to complement Ian Matthews' adjoining 50 hectare Private Forest Reserve. The area for the reserve was identified after survey work by Bass District staff and Forestry

Tasmania's Conservation Planner, Jeff Meggs.

"I was familiar with the area because I'd worked there in the past. There has also been some research on this beetle by the Forest Practices Board and that helped delineate the habitat," Jeff said.

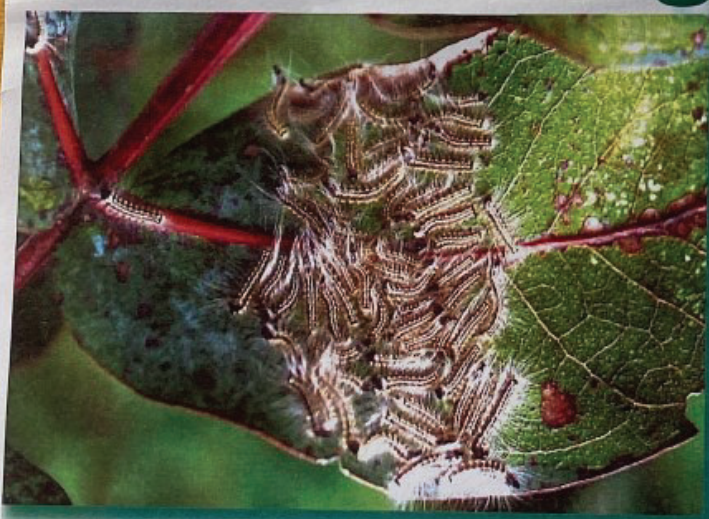
It is believed to be the biggest reserve in Australia set aside specifically for an invertebrate.

"The creation of the joint reserve gives the species a much brighter future. You have a solid core of habitat that won't be disturbed in an area where there was very little protected habitat at all."

Jeff has a fascination with the rare beetle, which is one of three closely related species in the Blue Tier-Gould's Country region. "These are really ancient, Gondwanan species," he explains. "It is possible that the three species evolved out of a single species after they were separated by glaciation more than 10,000 years ago."

"Recent observations suggest that the species may now be converging, with the range of the Bornemisszas and Simons stag beetles overlapping in some areas."

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Forestry Tasmania has one of the state's largest insect collections, with an estimated 30,000 specimens.

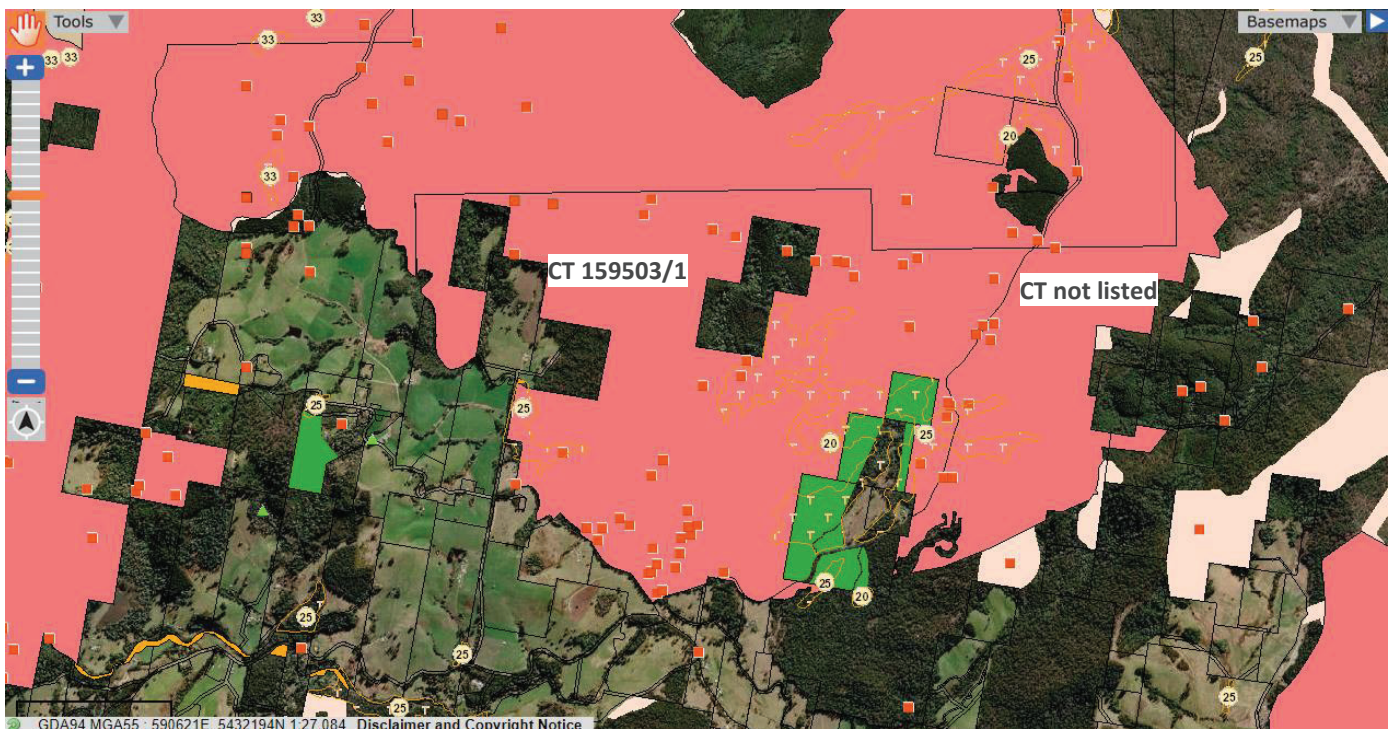
Conservation biologist, Simon Grove, has initiated the enormous task of re-organising and computer cataloguing the specimens. He is also lodging part of the collection on the Australian Plant Pest Database with commonwealth funding from the Plant Health Australia.

Simon aims to make the collection the main state-wide repository for forest insects, providing a better understanding of species distributions around the state.

"It will also help us identify if we've found something new – perhaps a pest species from overseas or a native species of conservation concern – so we will be in a better position to take action to manage the forests appropriately."

† The gumleaf skeletoniser, *Uraba lugens*, causes severe defoliation of young eucalypts

Threatened Vegetation Communities and Threatened Fauna in FPPF land surrounding Blue Tier Reserve



ListMap 'Tasmanian Reserve Estate' Layer (conservation covenant – green, FPPF – dark pink) overlain by 'Threatened Vegetation Communities' ('T' pattern) and 'Threatened Fauna Point' Layers (red squares) showing the widespread threatened biodiversity in the landscape.

Threatened Vegetation Communities identified (as listed in Schedule 3A of the *Nature Conservation Act 2002*)

No 20 *Eucalyptus ovata* forest and woodland

No 25 *Eucalyptus viminalis* wet forest

Threatened Vegetation Communities identified (as listed in Schedules 3-5 of the *Threatened Species Protection Act 1995*)

Endangered Bornemissza's stag beetle (*Hoplogonus bornemisszai*) – Critically endangered in EPBC

Endangered Masked owl (*Tyto novaehollandiae*)

Endangered Tasmanian wedge-tailed eagle (*Aquila audax subsp. Fleayi*)

Endangered Eastern quoll (*Dasyurus viverrinus*)

Vulnerable Simson's stag beetle (*Hoplogonus simsoni*)

Rare Hydrobiid snail Terrys Creek (*Beddomeia tasmanica*)