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To Kingborough Council
Attached is my letter of rejection to the proposed rezoning

Regards
Gerhild Beck

Name(s)	Gerhild Beck
Date	27 April 2026
Property Address	██████████ Snug
Requested Zone	Rural Living Zone

To the Tasmanian Planning Commission,

Hello, my name is Gerhild Beck. Thank you for the chance to speak about my property at ██████████.

I object to its rezoning under the Kingborough Draft LPS to both the originally proposed Landscape Conservation Zone (LCZ) and the Irenelnc review to LCZ/Rural split zone. Applying LCZ or LCZ/Rural split zoning is inconsistent with section 34 of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993 (LUPAA), the LPS Section 8A Guideline No. 1, and the Southern Tasmania Regional Land Use Strategy (STRLUS).

Rural Living Zone (RLZ) Rural Living Zone B would be more suitable. I respectfully ask the Commission to apply this zone, in line with the original purchase, zoning allowances, and the site's current or future residential use. RLZ is also proposed for nearby properties on Snug Tiers.



I purchased my property in 1994 with the intention of building a family home. I have lived here continuously since that time and am now retired, continuing to care for the natural values of the land while maintaining appropriate fire safety. I rely on the continued residential use of the property as my home.

It is important to me that the property continues to be used as a family home into the future. I intend for it to be passed on to my family, who will continue its residential use and stewardship in the same way.

While I agree that Tasmania's landscapes should be protected, I believe it can be done best through RLZ as it has been done historically through ELZ and Rural Residential zonings. Rezoning to LCZ would harm our continuous use of the land as allowed when purchased.

LCZ DOES NOT COMPLY WITH LUPAA ZONE GUIDELINES

Section 34 of LUPAA says the Commission must check if the LPS meets the Act's criteria, including zone guidelines. LCZ 4(a) states that LCZ should NOT be used where the land's **'priority is for residential use and development'**. The guidelines say LCZ is not for large residential lots 'characterised by native vegetation cover and other landscape values.'

Originally, my property was zoned Residential and my property is currently zoned Environmental Living (ELZ). The **primary use and strategic intention of the land is and has always been residential**. It has a dwelling built in 1994,

has been occupied continuously, and is serviced by the owner, Tasmanian Fire Service Volunteers and Tasmanian Land Management. There's no evidence the land's primary use is anything other than residential.

LUPAA guidelines also state LCZ is not a replacement for ELZ. The priorities don't match: ELZ Living priority permits dwellings, but LCZ prioritises conservation with discretionary dwellings.

In correspondence with the Planning Authority, the TPC noted that the LCZ "appears to have been used ...to replace ELZ", a policy or strategy shift which should be 'comprehensively justified'. Neither the draft LPS nor Irenelnc's review has provided detailed, site-specific reasons for changing my land's priority. They based their decision on general landscape values and rural settlement judgments, neither had community input.

LCZ DOES NOT COMPLY WITH LUPAA OBJECTIVES

LUPAA Schedule 1, Objective (b), aims for 'fair, orderly, and sustainable' land use. Applying LCZ conflicts with this objective. It is unfair to remove permitted residential use; applying LCZ represents a **net reduction** in existing land use rights. The clear majority of Tasmanian councils moving to the Statewide Planning Scheme applied the LCZ sparingly or not at all. Only a few used it moderately or heavily. Most councils (such as Tasman) translated ELZ directly to the Rural Living Zone, yet Irenelnc chose as their model three councils that applied LCZ heavily.

Many councils, including Kingborough in 2019, recognised that LCZ could lower property value, affect insurance and finance, and prevent future dwellings on empty blocks – not meeting the goal of sustainable development that supports communities to provide for their **social, economic** and cultural well-being...' (clause 1 (a), Schedule 1 – Objectives).

RLZ IS THE APPROPRIATE ZONE

RLZ Guideline RLZ 1(a) suggests the RLZ should be applied to residential areas with larger lots used for residential and lower order rural activities, while prioritising residential amenity. This fits my property.

RLZ Guideline RLZ 2(b) states RLZ may be applied to ELZ land where the primary strategic intention is for residential use in a rural setting and a **similar** minimum allowable lot size is being applied. My property's size of 3.483ha aligns with RLZ B with a minimum lot size of 2 ha.

THE IRENEINC EVALUATION PATHWAY (DECISION TREE)

Irenelnc uses a decision tree to decide zones. On Day 2 of the review hearing, the Commission was told that it's a tool, not a rule [Kate Heckelmann, 05:53:00], and alternatives can be used with good evidence. Even so, applying the evaluation pathway correctly, my property meets the RLZ criteria rather than LCZ.

EVIDENCE OF STRATEGIC INTENT FOR LIVING

Both the original LPS and Irenelnc's report lack clear definitions of "primary strategic intent." They ignore existing rural-residential settlements, historical land use, cultural attachment, community ties, and intergenerational living. Neither STRLUS nor the Kingborough Strategic Plan restrict rural living growth. Past land allocations, subdivision approvals, and development applications show that residential use is the 'strategic intent' of the land.

The review for my locality Snug is stated as generally meeting strategic intent for living. My property has an established dwelling, outbuildings, and signs of residential activity

EVIDENCE OF RURAL LIVING SETTLEMENT

Irenelnc's review states that the Snug Tiers community meets the 'strategic intent for living' because there is 'evidence of residential uses scattered throughout'. However, Rural Living Settlement status has been mostly denied, with the report citing a 'lack of consistent subdivision pattern with lots of the size which would contribute to a rural living settlement'.

This assessment appears biased, primarily due to two judgments. First, it favours smaller lot sizes, disregarding RLZ subcategories that limit subdivision of lots under 20ha and also minimises development on larger lots through needs of access and services (note: there is NO maximum lot size in RLZ).

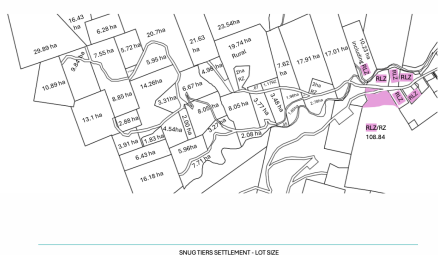
Secondly, the ‘consistent pattern’ is only recognised if it resembles urban cul-de-sacs or road clusters, ignoring rural and lifestyle properties that are naturally sited around topographical features, inherited large lots, or purchased with future rural living in mind. For example, in Snug Tiers there’s a clear pattern of large lot subdivision facing into the valley, on a Northwest to Southeast alignment, around the topography.

These biases also overlook the fact that residents live just minutes from Snug township, where they shop, support local businesses, send children to school, recreate, and work. The reliance on a desktop analysis, which can’t see beyond tree canopies and often lacks on-the-ground insight, leads to subjective judgments about rural settlements. For example, the Irenelnc report notes that three adjoining properties on Snug Tiers Road display ‘a consistent pattern of rural living,’ as does my property, yet it is still proposed to be LCZ/Rural Zone.

Without applying rural living settlement criteria consistently and with ground-truthing, the evaluation then fails to consider whether landscape values can be managed through planning codes **nor recommends any other outcome than LCZ**, unless the area has no landscape values, which is unlikely given its rural nature and the subjective, non-consulted definition of ‘landscape values’. In no version does it recommend a Rural/LCZ split zone.

Homeowners in my area **strongly disagree** with Irenelnc’s narrow assessment. We can demonstrate that the Snug Tiers community meets all three rural living settlement characteristics:

1. A pattern of **at least 10** smaller blocks, **generally** between 1–15 ha, with a consistent lot pattern. The attached map (a) shows my property among 41 others in Snug Tiers, with lot sizes from 0.18ha to 29.89ha, the majority between 1ha and 15ha, a pattern established since the early 1800s. All properties can be managed by available RLZ lot sizes, access and services, to minimise subdivision potential.



2. A pattern of ‘detached dwellings and outbuildings’, which Irenelnc admits is “generally met, as many lots have identified residences and cleared areas”. As you can see from the attached map (b), you can see that dwellings and outbuildings are located on nearly every property in my community. This also includes properties with development applications or strategic plans for living on empty blocks.



3. Visual evidence of rural activities such as ‘clearings, grazing and hobby farming etc’. Irenelnc states that “some residential uses are associated with farming”, yet at the review hearing, it was clarified that the criteria list is only an example. My property shows cleared areas, fire safety, gardens.



ASSESSING LANDSCAPE VALUES

The STRLUS CV 4.1 states that **community consultation** should determine landscape values. IrenelInc admits in review hearings that they didn't consult. This means the assessment of whether properties meet 'landscape values' is now entirely based on the Planning Authority's judgment.

IrenelInc's choice of dictionary terms 'hilly places' and 'bushland,' and focus on tree-centric descriptions, i.e.: 'predominantly bushland,' 'allotments set within native bushland,' 'dwellings are ... nestled into vegetation,' and 'bushland backdrop' are the main basis for our locality's landscape values.

This overlooks the value of other features like waterways, fields, foraging areas, and the importance of varied terrain (grasslands, clearings, open areas, trails) for different species habitat. Such diversity is vital for a healthy rural or biodiverse landscape and aligns with evidence that people prefer varied scenery, including homesteads, sheds, and domestic animals.

The lack of consultation and reliance on terminology that favours the Planning Authority's narrow definition results in a flawed or biased assessment:

1. Large areas of bushland and vegetation alone do not justify LC zoning. As confirmed at the TPC review hearing on 14/4/26, "LCZ is not for managing vegetation—that is the role of the Natural Assets Code", which applies to all properties. IrenelInc stated that for properties in our area proposed RLZ, overlays will likely (and logically) protect the natural values they identify.
2. Describing dwellings and large lots around topography as 'scattered' implies no strategic planning or intent, which is untrue. You can see on the attached map (b) that there's intent/logic.
3. Biased reasoning: noting large vegetated spaces on rural properties (and comparatively less dwelling area, as set by development criteria) is worded in the report as though this is a choice or evidence that OUR preference was conservation over living: "integration of residential use ... is largely within a small proportion of a parcel", "the remaining natural setting reinforces the area's natural values".
4. Owning private property in natural settings doesn't mean residents prioritise landscape conservation over residential amenity. IrenelInc implies this repeatedly, both in review references to "built form" being "secondary to the natural landscape" and, in hearings, that lots in bushland reinforce or "contribute" to the area's "natural values". Snug Sproules/Tiers residents purchased homes in natural areas because they **value the contribution this makes to their Rural Living**, not to add to Kingborough's undefined scenic or "landscape values".
5. IrenelInc relied on overlays in a desktop assessment to identify landscape or environmental features across the locality, ignoring the challenges of topography and identifying these (i.e., through the tree canopy) by aerial images alone. Evidence-based alternative reports or maps of individual properties' natural settings are needed.

Assuming LCZ is the only way to protect generic 'landscape values' ignores existing land management, bushfire mitigation efforts, biodiversity initiatives, and conflicts with the intent of the evaluation pathway of **balancing** landscape protection with existing land uses. It is illogical to rezone properties to LCZ to 'protect' the landscape that we've proven we can already care for on our own.

IreneInc suggest that LCZ zoning near Snug Recreation Area is necessary to provide connectivity to the EMZ and act as a buffer between living zones. Not only have National Parks (EMZs) already been put aside for state management, nearly every other Tasmanian council placed other living zones: Rural Living, Residential, Rural, Agricultural, and even Industrial zones next to National Parks or EMZs. It is also contradictory to the placement of Low Density Residential lots beside Coningham's EMZ reserve.

Rural Residential owners provide a significant free workforce to manage areas on the interface of bush, coast, country and town. They need to be able to continue to mitigate natural disasters, care for native species, maintain trails, carriage ways and fire access, and remove invasive pests, which is at risk in the LCZ, and even Rural zones. Our efforts help protect biodiversity, reduce financial and disaster risks, and improve resilience and food security for all - work that cannot be replaced by council staff or State Parks and Wildlife service.

SUMMARY

Throughout the LPS process, Kingborough Council has failed to consult the community and has not followed the objectives of LUPAA, which emphasise fair land use and community involvement. Their focus on environmental protection seems aimed at removing private land rights, risking long-term harm to residents' well-being and creating potential future financial and legal challenges.

I appreciate the TPC taking heed of the concerns within this letter and respectfully ask for rezoning properties from ELZ to more restrictive zones to stop. Specifically, I request that the TPC direct my property to be zoned from the ELZ to the Rural Living Zone B, with environmental priorities managed by existing natural values codes.

Yours sincerely,

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27 April 2026

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