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Sent: Wednesday, 8 April 2020 4:18 PM
To: Circular Head Council <council@circularhead.tas.gov.au>
Subject: Draft LPS Submission

Please find attached our submission regarding the Draft LPS.

Could you please acknowledge of this email by return email.

Thank you,
Audrey Critchlow

08 April 2020

The General Manager,
Circular Head Council,
33 Goldie Street,
Smithton. Tas. 7330

Re: 486 Marcus River Road, Marrawah.
Property ID 6250131
Title reference 107781/1

Our property has been selected for possible re-zoning from Rural to Landscape Conservation Zone (LCZ). We like the idea of the LCZ.

It is our understanding that under the new zone classification we would be permitted to continue all current activities including but not limited to farming, grazing cattle, grazing cattle on all areas beyond the 200 acres of pasture, seaweed harvesting and processing, harvesting of native food, agistment of cattle, extraction of lime sand etc.

However, we have deep concerns that the 'Landscape Conservation Zone' will prohibit us from being permitted to engage in 'resource processing' which would prevent us from expanding the scale of the above activities beyond it's current size. This would include but is not limited to preventing us from:

1. Expanding our seaweed processing activities,
2. Processing harvested native food
3. Processing harvested native vegetation seed stock

Seaweed processing

We have held a seaweed harvesting licence for approximately 20 years. Our licence allows us to harvest significant quantities of seaweed. Our seaweed products are certified organic. We are in the process of expanding our seaweed harvesting and processing activities.

Re-zoning to LCZ would prevent us from expanding our activities and fully utilising our seaweed licence.

Processing Native Food

Our property has a diverse population of native foods. We have been in consultation with ANFAB (Australian Native Food and Botanical) and have plans to sensitively harvest and process native foods (in a variety of forms). It is not practical for us to harvest only. It is imperative to be able to process on-site.

Re-zoning to LCZ would prevent us from continuing with our plans.

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Processing Native Vegetation Seed Stock

Our property has a large seed stock of diverse native species. It is not practical for us to harvest only. It is imperative to be able to process on-site.

Re-zoning to LCZ would prevent us from continuing with our plans.

None of the above activities would impinge on the purpose or 'spirit' of the LCZ.

We understand the purpose of the LCZ however it is important we maintain our rights to engage in resources processing. The scale of our activities would meet all the other criteria of the LCZ. For this reason we would consider the re-zoning providing that we are given a 'site specific qualification' that allows us to conduct resource processing.

We currently have a permit for subdivision. The site specific qualification would have to apply to all four titles when the subdivision is complete.

We also have concerns that the LCZ may impact on our plans for tourism which would include the possibility of turning our residence into 'high end' accommodation; as well as the possibility of establishing eco-tourism accommodation pods.

We welcome the opportunity to discuss which zone would provide us with the best outcome for all the above.

Yours Faithfully,

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