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Representation regarding the Tasman Council Draft Local Provisions Schedule

I write on behalf of the Tasman Peninsula Historical Society to express our concern and disappointment at the lack of inclusions in the *Tasman Council draft Local Provisions Schedule* under 6.1 (local heritage places), 6.2 (local heritage precincts), 6.3 (local heritage landscape precincts), 6.5 (significant trees), and 8.1 (scenic protection areas).

One of the key focus areas identified for Tasman Council in its *Ten Year Strategic Plan 2015-2025* is to “strive for a balance between development, environment and lifestyle and retain natural, heritage and social values.” Without any inclusions in the Local Historic Heritage Code, how are development impacts on heritage values, features and characteristics to be recognised and regulated?

The Society appreciates the considerable workload and resources required to meet the criteria for listings in the Local Historic Heritage Code and we urge Council to enlist the services of a heritage professional. Extensive assessment data already exists from heritage inventory studies conducted by Claire Bester (Skeggs), James Parker and Marilyn Truscott which demonstrate that many locally significant places and landscapes, in addition to those listed on the Tasmanian Heritage Register, should be included in the LPS under Code 6.0.

For example, *Gellibrand's Farm* at Slopem Main (now owned by John Price) was farmed prior to convict occupation. Joseph Gellibrand was the first European settler on the Tasman Peninsula and had been the Attorney-General of Van Diemen's Land. He drained the flat marshy land using the “Fen” technique. The system of drainage channels is still evident in the landscape. During the convict era a constable's hut, stables and other structures were built. The creek has an historic flood gate still extant. This property, along with a nearby convict sheep farm, has considerable archaeological potential, and has maintained its original setting. However, it is not listed on the Tasmanian Heritage Register and has no special zoning applied to it under the Planning Scheme.

Another example is *Ravensbourne*, the home designed by one of Tasmania's leading architects, Alexander North, as his retreat in the late 1880's (the property on Firetower Road overlooking Koonya owned by Agnes Campbell). This is one of the earliest known examples of steel reinforced concrete used in domestic construction and it remains occupied to this day. Alexander North had a lasting impact on Tasmanian and national history by recommending, as a consulting architect, that the Gothic styled church at Port Arthur be conserved.

Surely the Local Provisions Schedule is designed to recognise places like these?

Tasman Peninsula History Society is currently compiling a Tasman and Forestier heritage list that links stories, images, people, places and industry together in one record. We would willingly assist a heritage professional with the preparation of a list for the Local Provisions Schedule of historically significant places, precincts, landscapes and trees by sharing our local knowledge and research collection to support statements of significance.

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