

Rep # 4

Kay and Chris Harman
183 Longwood Road
Bagdad TAS 7030
Ph (03) 6268 6176
E: ckharman@skymesh.com.au
14th August 2021

The General Manager
Southern Midlands Council
PO Box 21
Oatlands TAS 7120

Via email: mail@southernmidlands.tas.gov.au

Dear Sir,

We wish to lodge this representation with Council in regard to the Southern Midlands Council draft Local Provisions Schedule of the Tasmanian Planning Scheme.

We have two adjoining properties in Bagdad, 183 Longwood Road (Property ID 1612949) and 185 Longwood Road (Property ID 1612957) with the overall property name, 'Stony Rise'. A Private Forest Reserve conservation covenant over the whole of both of these properties was registered with the Lands Titles office in 2006.

We have no hesitation in endorsing the recommendation proposed by John Thompson in his representation to Council on behalf of Conservation Landholders Tasmania Trust, wherein he proposed that, along with other properties whose natural values have already been identified for protection and conservation by the Minister, our two properties be rezoned to Landscape Conservation.

Further to John's representation, we offer the following significant reasons for changing our zoning on both properties to Landscape Conservation, in order to give the land the best protection possible:

1. Ecosystems in the Southern Midlands, as elsewhere, are under huge stress from human activity and the effects of climate change, and our activities at 'Stony Rise' in line with our Management Plan have helped to make it more resilient by plantings from locally harvested seed, weed removal and removing internal fencing where it assists native animal movement;
2. With their position adjoining and close to several Crown Nature Reserves plus 50 acres of Crown Land on our SW boundary the whole landscape could play an important part in strengthening a wildlife and whole ecosystem corridor and protecting a large watershed area of the Green Valley Rivulet.

Thank you for your consideration of this representation,

Yours faithfully,
Kay and Chris Harman
Bagdad