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## EXHIBITION – CENTRAL HIGHLANDS DRAFT LOCAL PROVISIONS SCHEDULE

Thank you for your letter of 20 August 2021 seeking comment on the Central Highlands Draft Local Provisions Schedule (LPS).

I can advise that the Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment (DPIPWE) has reviewed the draft LPS and offers the following advice.

All references in the LPS to the *National Parks and Reserves Land Regulations 2009* should be updated to the *National Parks and Reserves Management Regulations 2019*.

DPIPWE supports the inclusion of the Environmental Management Zone (EMZ) as a straight conversion of the existing EMZ as per Guideline No.1 and its application to the reserve estate and additional riparian reserves and other public reserves.

DPIPWE does not support Council's proposal, outlined in s5.4.5 Utilities Zone – Various Sites (p.71), to rezone the western half of the canal connecting Lakes Crescent and Sorell from EMZ to Utilities Zone, for the following reasons:

1. The Interlaken Ramsar Site boundary extends to the Full Supply Level of Lake Crescent (CPR 5656). This is an internationally important wetland and protected under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).
2. The EMZ is consistent with management obligations for Ramsar wetlands under the EPBC Act.
3. The EMZ is necessary to protect the Ramsar site, particularly the area south of Lot 1 Interlaken Road (PID 2892217) from further encroachment and/or hydrological impact by the canal and associated works, now and into the future.

Instead, DPIPWE supports the S.35 Notice issued by the Tasmanian Planning Commission that requires that this area be zoned Environmental Management in line with the reasons outlined above.

In addition, DPIPWE brings to Council's attention the following zoning inconsistencies:

- The Public Reserve (PID 5475283) located on the Lyell Highway is included in the Rural Zone which is inconsistent with other public reserves and potentially its management objectives. State Growth is noted as the management authority for the site.
- Unallocated Crown Land at Brady's Lagoon (PID 2541169) is proposed Agricultural Zone. The site appears to be covered in native vegetation (with encroachments), with no known existing lease/licence currently issued for its use. This site should be recommended for EMZ as it contains the Threatened Native Vegetation Community - Highland Poa grassland.

If you have any further questions on this matter please contact Sonia Mellor, Policy Analyst, Policy and Project Management Branch, Strategic Services Division on mobile: 0436 636 279 or via email at [sonia.mellor@dpipwe.tas.gov.au](mailto:sonia.mellor@dpipwe.tas.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

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