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ATT: Mr Gerald Monson

Good Morning Gerald,

We are writing to you to express our concern for the application for agricultural zoning which will include our property at 9 Conservatory Road, Sassafras, we were not aware of the proposed changes until after the period for comment had closed.

The location is the site of the iconic "Tasmanian Food & Wine Conservatory", which is one of the most photographed land marks in the area.

It attracts a large number of visitors each year and has featured in numerous local, national and international publications, such as "Gourmet Traveller" and "Qantas" in flight magazine, as well as television programs such as "Getaway", "Sydney Weekends" and "Better Homes & Gardens", along with advertising campaigns for "Spirit of Tasmania", "Optus" and "Tourism Tasmania".

In addition to this the Conservatory has won numerous awards and accolades, supports a large number of Tasmanian businesses with our commitment to 100% Tasmanian and plays a very significant part in tourism in the area.

The annual "Tasmanian Gin & Spirits Fair" which will take place on the 30th October brings distillers from all over Tasmania. This sellout event is a hugely popular and attracts many interstate visitors, we also have visitors travelling from New Zealand to attend this years event.

The Conservatory Dinners and HighTeas are also popular amongst locals and visitors, this weekends event is fully booked. There are also a number of workshops and cultural events planned.

The implementation of the agricultural zoning for this property would have a significant negative impact on our business by limiting and or prohibiting future expansion of the site.

Future plans to expand the business include:

\*Boutique tourist accommodation

\*Micro Distillery

\*Tasting rooms

\*Caretakers cottage

We have worked extremely hard over the past 7 years and have made a significant financial investment to build and grow our business and whilst our plans for expansion and growth are a little way down the track, we do not wish to have the opportunity to grow our business taken away.

Given the contribution the "Tasmanian Food & Wine Conservatory" makes to tourism in the area, and support for local growers and producers, we ask that consideration be given to ensure the continuation and expansion of our business.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Kind Regards,

Glenn & Vonda Mason