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**Attachments:** [Birdlife.pdf](#)  
[Map.pdf](#)

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Hi,

I have been advised by Huon Valley Council Planning (Mr Rong Zheng) that I must lodge my concerns directly with you.

My property is currently zoned Rural Resource but HVC is recommending it be changed to the far more restrictive Landscape Conservation.

I have been given 3 reasons:

1. It is habitat for the swift parrot. I believe there is no evidence that the site is used by this parrot. We've never seen one in the 6 years my family have lived there, nor was any evidence found in a survey done over last summer by the Land for Wildlife Group. A copy of their findings on birdlife is attached. I imagine the site is suitable for many native animals but is there any real proof that it is home to the Swift Parrot.
2. Water run off from the property to the Huon River and tributaries. I don't understand this as the property is inland and nowhere near the river. See attached map. Could you explain the relevance here.
3. The property is large - 140 acres, with 80+% of forestation.

These are the 3 reasons I've been given but Mr Zheng says the Council position relates mainly to no.3, the land size. Smaller blocks round my property are apparently not being pushed up to Landscape Conservation zoning - maybe the parrots are very fussy and somehow the water doesn't run on these smaller blocks. He even suggested getting split zoning but that seems impractical.

Historically it was classified as Rural Resource so where is the justification to change it now. Clearly the size of my property has not changed. If it was classified as Environmental Management Zone now then I could understand moving to the equivalent Landscape Conservation Zoning but this is a 3 tier jump from Rural Resource to Landscape Conservation with no change in the property itself.

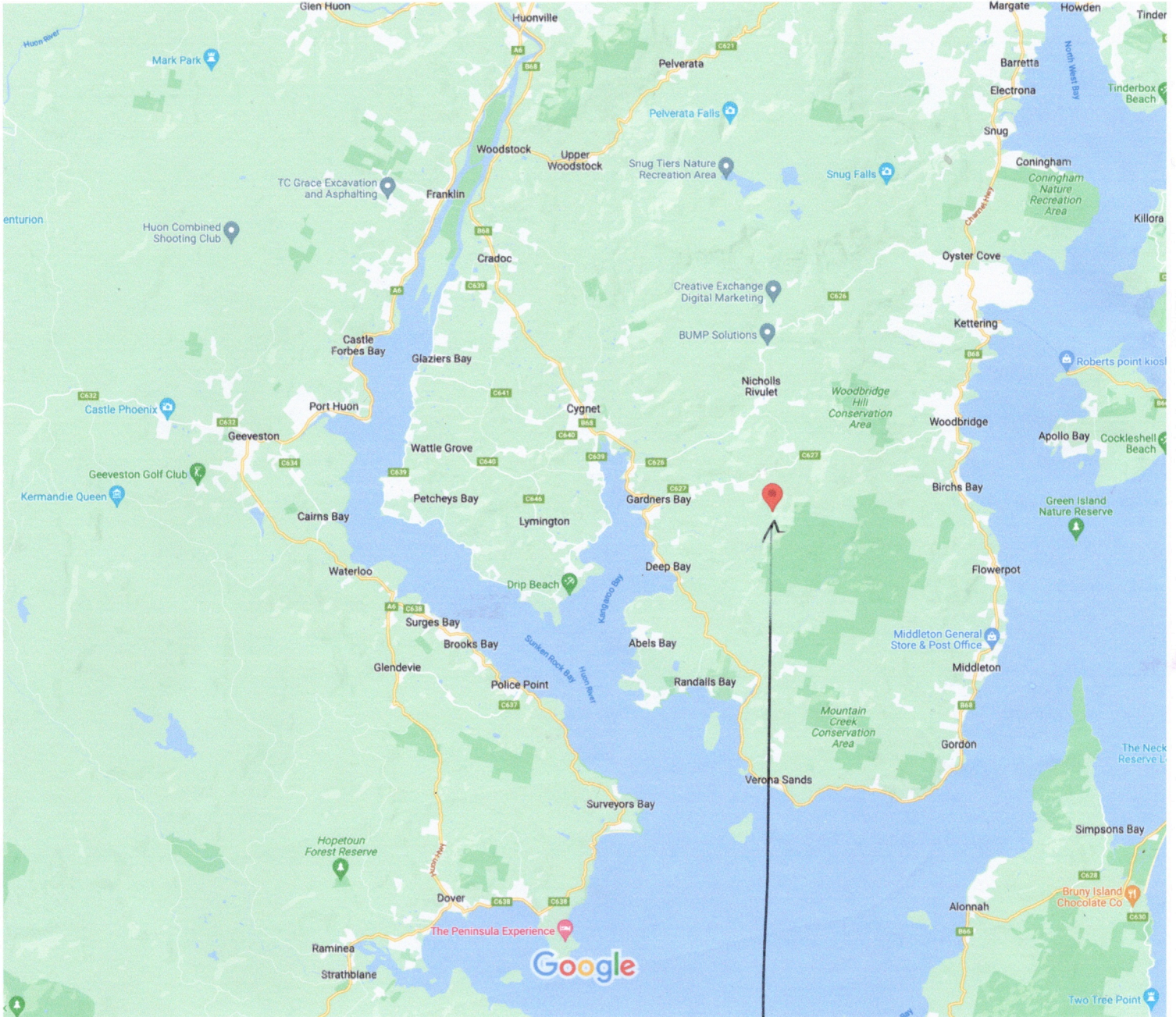
That is my objection.

Thank you,

Jim McEwan

2 attachments

1. Land for Wildlife Report
2. Local map



Map data ©2023 Google 2 km

PROPERTY

# Land for Wildlife Property Report



## Land Management

### Birds

Common Name	Scientific name	Type of observation
Tasmanian thornbill	<i>Acanthiza ewingii</i> *	TLC, H
Tasmanian scrubwren	<i>Sericornis humilis</i> *	TLC,H
Wedge-tailed eagle	<i>Aquila audax</i>	LO
Grey currawong	<i>Strepera versicolor</i>	TLC
Shining bronze-cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx lucidus</i>	TLC, H
Yellow-throated honeyeater	<i>Lichenostomus flavicollis</i> *	TLC, H
Crescent honeyeater	<i>Phylidonyris pyrrhoptera</i>	TLC,H
Grey shrike-thrush	<i>Colluricincla harmonica</i>	TLC, H
Golden whistler	<i>Pachycephala pectoralis</i>	TLC, H
Grey fantail	<i>Rhipidura fuliginosa</i> *	TLC
Spotted pardalote	<i>Pardalotus punctatus</i>	TLC, H
Striated pardalote	<i>Pardalotus striatus</i>	TLC, H
Green rosella	<i>Platycercus caledonicus</i> *	TLC
Tasmanian native hen	<i>Gallinula mortierii</i> *	LO
Masked Owl	<i>Tyto novaehollandiae</i>	LO?(unconfirmed)

### Introduced birds

Common Name	Scientific name	Type of observation
Laughing kookaburra	<i>Dacelo novaeguineae</i>	TLC , H

### Reptiles/Amphibians

Common Name	Scientific name	Type of observation
<b>Snakes</b>		
None observed		
<b>Skinks</b>		
Numerous small ones seen	unidentified	LO

Common Name	Scientific name	Type of observation
Common froglet	<i>Crinia signifera</i>	TLC, H



Possible wombat burrow or den for other species?