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Sent: Tuesday, 18 July 2023 12:30 PM
To: Graham, Linda
Subject: Re: HVC hearing today - just tried to call

Hi That is the correct number and I have been waiting all morning for your call. Please try again. If you cannot reach us I have my representation typed if you are unable to get through.

I am here on behalf of my father in law Lawrence Willmot and his family to oppose the illogical application of Landscape Conservation Zoning to his property at 128 sculthorpe's road nicholls rivulet and to propose instead a Rural or Rural living zoning.

Lawrence and Margot bought this block of land in 1975 from Tinsey Smith a direct descendant of Fanny Cocrane Smith.

The smith family had a business selling timber from this area and there are hints and stories in the hills of how they used the land. Ancient stumps of trees they felled and over grown paths where draft horses dragged them.

The Willmotts have continued to use this land how the former custodians did.

To get connected to the power grid lawrence selected trees to sell a local mill so they could make power poles.

He cleared land where he built his home, grew gardens, and made pastures. He built sheds with timber selected with care and respect and every summer he takes the firewood he needs for the coming winter.

Raising livestock has also been a large part of the willmots life here. Shortly after moving his family to the property they got their first chickens then a horse, ducks, sheep, and goats.

Lawrence and Margots daughter raises and sells chickens and fertile eggs for hatching and has an ever expanding vegetable garden.

The other daughter hand spun and dyed wool from the her sheep and sold knitted beanies at salamanca for years.

Harvesting wood and raising livestock are discretionary under Landscape Conservation Zoning meaning that way of life could be ended at any time. The tradition of selecting timber from these hills goes back well over 100 years. There have been livestock here for decades.

The purpose of LCZ is to protect important scenic views and large areas of bushland. This property has absolutely no scenic value.

You can't see the property from the nearest paved road much less the nearest town. There isn't even Council maintained road within a half Kilometer of the property.

There are a few acres of bushland on the property but the majority of it is protected by the difficult terrain and lack of profitability.

Clearly LCZ is the wrong zone for this land.

Nobody involved in the rezoning process asked Lawrence how his property is used. Nobody came here to assess its scenic value in person.

One might think the authors of the current zoning report just looked at a map and drew blobs with no regard for the three dimensional reality or the lives they were affecting.

In past hearings the Tasmanian planning commission has made rulings against application of LCZ without landowner

consent. Lawrence's wishes are for his children and/or anyone else who might take custodianship of the land to be able to use it the way the former custodians did and how he has.

From the available zonings the willmotts have concluded that Rural or rural resource with a permit to continue selective timber extraction would be the most applicable zoning to the current and historical use as a hobby farm with minor resource development.

Thank you for your time.