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**Planning Scheme Amendment to LPS (PSA2023/1) Representation Form**

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• We completely disagree with adding further scenic values assessment requirements for landowners and developments on the Stanley Peninsula. • The landowner families that have managed the Stanley rural landscape for generations are to be congratulated for their contribution to our area, not penalised. The farming families on the Green Hills have actively protected their farmland from subdivision and urban sprawl. • There is a small group who contribute nothing to the Stanley rural landscape, but aspire to profit from it, and take control of any change not meeting their approval. These restrictions risk stifling growth in our area by reducing employment, damaging tourism experiences, and reducing both urban and agricultural land values by making developments more challenging and difficult than they are now. Planning regulations are currently very adequate and should not have extra layers of added restrictions. • Ill-considered aversion to change is holding back the growth of Circular Head, the opportunities for people currently living here, and those who would like to share in the great lifestyle we enjoy. • The pride and respect these local landowners exhibit for the area is very evident. Contrast this with the weed infestations evident on the Nut State Reserve and other publicly managed land on the peninsula, which sadly shows to us what the rural landscape could look like. Aspirational moves to add further levels of unnecessary controls and red tape to these farm businesses should be firmly resisted by the Circular Head Council. • In the 50 years our family has been in Circular Head change has been constant. Stanley had a daily shipping service to Melbourne, a sawmill, planing sheds and drying kilns, three banks, a railway station, a merchandise store and a communications tower on the Nut. Change in our area is constant and necessary to provide better opportunities for ratepayers and residents. • The poor fire management on the iconic Nut Reserve

is a serious threat to the tourist operators in Circular Head. A wild fire would undoubtedly result in a life-threatening situation. The recommendations included in the Nut State Reserve Management Plan 2003 have not been enacted. What use are expensive management plans without follow-up action? • The increasing tourist visitation definitely requires other developments to provide the part-time staff required for dining and accommodation providers. Many workers coming into Circular Head bring a spouse and family that could provide much needed labour in other areas, eg, milking cows, waiting tables and cleaning rooms. This labour shortage will not be met in a town full of retirees. • The Woolnorth and Studland Bay wind farms are a major drawcard for visitors to this area, as is clearly seen by the success of the tours. It is completely misleading to suggest visitor numbers will be adversely affected by wind energy projects. • The Western Plains Wind Farm project has been targeted by a small anti-development group in Stanley, with a list of outdated concerns, most which live in visually prominent locations. This Scenic Values proposal is directly aimed at wind energy generation and transmission, stifling opportunity in Circular Head. • Misleading reporting and sensationalist “opinion” articles by anti-groups are harming the hard-won image of Circular Head, and also damage opportunities for growth. The priority of Councils should be to advance the economic future for local residents and businesses, and certainly not unnecessarily delay opportunities for growth. Is Circular Head Council planning for a better future, with growth and developments to expand and improve our community, or is Council looking to restrict and control people endeavouring to provide opportunities and prosperity for our unique and productive area? We are confident it is the former, and that a proper balance between protection and production can be found.

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