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Dear Mr Ramsay

**RE: DRAFT HUON VALLEY LOCAL PROVISION SCHEDULE (LPS) – LPS-HUO-TPS –
DIRECTION 3**

I write in response to the Commission's directions issued on 10 April 2024.

Direction 3 requested the following information:

Response to the direction issued 26 March 2024 requesting a response to the submission received from the Department of Natural Resources and the Environment in relation to the proposed Scenic Protection Area at Blackswan Lagoon, Recherche Bay. A link to the submission published on the Commission website is included below:

https://www.planning.tas.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0008/754037/Su_bmission-Department-of-Natural-Resources-and-Environment-Tasmania-19-March-2024.pdf

Response

The Departments response (19 March 2024) indicated:

- It does not object in principle to the application of a SPA but indicate that it should not apply to Crown land.
- The Crown land proposed to be included in the SPA is:
 - managed and protected as land proclaimed under the *Nature Conservation Act 2002*;
 - managed in accordance with the *National Parks and Reserves Management Act 2002* and the *National Parks and Reserves Management Regulations 2019*; and

- managed in accordance with a statutory management plan being the *Southport Lagoon Conservation Area George III Monument Historic Site and Ida Bay State Reserve Management Plan 2006* (the Management Plan).
- Scenic values are already appropriately considered and protected under the legislation and the statutory Management Plan highlighted above.
- Concern that the application of the SPA over the Crown land could create the unreasonable potential of conflict with future reserve management planning.
- Concern that the proposed SPA may impact on existing marine farming lease activities.

The submission in response submitted on behalf of the Leprena Trust (12 April 2024) is also noted, including the concerns raised regarding the existing legislation and management plan's ability to protect the scenic values of the area and the desire for the consistency of provisions to apply regardless of tenor.

In relation to the above, the Management Plan covers an area much larger than the proposed SPA and includes some references to scenic management, but very limited specific prescriptions:

2.2 Wilderness and Landscape Values

The scenic beauty of landscapes within the reserves provides a significant recreational resource.

Within the conservation area at the spit on the eastern side of Southport Lagoon panoramic views may be had of the lagoon and opposite shore against the backdrop of the heavily forested and often snow capped Southern Ranges. The lack of significant developments provides a feeling of remoteness and isolation. The natural setting of the area provides a compelling link to the landscape in existence at the time of the 1792 and 1793 French visits and their interaction with the local Aboriginal community.

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Aims

The aims of natural and cultural landscape conservation in the three reserves are to reverse the processes of recent human disturbance and restore where possible, naturalness and landscape values.

Prescriptions

Many prescriptions of relevance are found in other sections (see sections 2.8, 4.5 and 5.2)

2.2.1 Carefully consider the visual impact of all developments within the reserves (also see Section 4.3).

2.2.2 Liaise with Forestry Tasmania (see prescription 4.5.2), the Forest Practices Authority and individual landholders regarding the development of Forest Practices Plans in the vicinity, with respect to the maintenance of the visual landscape values as seen from the reserves.

4.5 Development Around the Reserves

Management Issues

Developments on the State forest and private blocks within and surrounding the reserves, and in more distant view-fields (see Section 2.2), has the potential to impact on a range of conservation values within the three reserves.

Prescriptions

4.5.1 Liaise with the Huon Valley Council during the review of the Esperance Planning Scheme, particularly with respect to ensuring the zoning of adjacent private properties is compatible with neighbouring reserve values.

...4.5.3 Liaise with the Forest Practices Authority and individual private landholders with respect to proposed new uses and developments and the maintenance of reserve environmental values.

The Planning Authority remains supportive of the proposed SPA, including its application to the area wholistically regardless of tenor, given that this approach is consistent with the application and operation of other Codes within the TPS.

The SPA is not proposed to affect the entirety of the areas within the Management Plan, rather to be specifically tailored to apply to the identified area where the scenic values have been identified.

In relation to the Department's concern regarding the potential for impact on existing marine farm lease areas, as detailed in Dr Whitehead's submission the intention in the drafting of the SPA provides a belt and braces approach where in the first instance the marine far lease areas are intended to be excluded from those areas and therefore the Code will not apply, this is then reiterated and confirmed in the relevant wording in Table C8.1.

If you would like to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact Rong Zheng direct on 6264 9467.

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Rong Zheng', located in the upper left quadrant of the page.

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