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Meander Valley draft Local Provisions Schedule

Confirmation of Hearing Directions

Dear Mr Ramsay

Thank you for the opportunity to clarify a number of matters raised in correspondence from Department of State Growth's Secretary Kim Evans in relation to interactions between the Meander Valley draft Local Provisions Schedule and the State Road Network. The questions posed to State Growth are as follows:

1. The extent of the area the Department of State Growth requested the priority vegetation overlay should be removed from, by reference to a physical or mapped attribute, such as, the sealed road / carriageway or the State Road Casement layer in the LIST; and
2. The need to remove the priority vegetation overlay from State Roads (as clarified in point 1 above), given the exemptions in the State Planning Provisions, particularly the exemption for road works in clause 4.2.4 of Table 4.2 Exempt Infrastructure and development.

Whilst State Roads proposes that it is inappropriate to enforce the priority vegetation overlay across State road carriageways, it is apparent that the mapping has been undertaken at such a scale that it may be a challenging spatial exercise to undertake finer grained mapping to account for the carriageway. It is also apparent that modifications to the mapping may be considered unnecessary when an overarching exemption exists.

More broadly, State Roads is satisfied that it can rely on the exemption for road works in clause 4.2.4 of Table 4.2 Exempt Infrastructure use or development for works both within and up to 3m outside of the road reserve. However, if the exercise is considered achievable as part of the finalisation of mapping for implementation, State Roads recommends the removal of the overlay from carriageways within the State road network and from roadside areas of exotic and landscaped vegetation (such as along Pioneer Drive), as this would be more reflective of the intent of the priority vegetation area and purpose of the Natural Assets Code.

Please do not hesitate to contact Mia Potter, Environment and Planning Approvals Officer, State Roads Division, on (03) 6166 3382 or email Mia.Potter@stategrowth.tas.gov.au who can direct you to the relevant officer within State Growth to enable the timely delivery of your LPS.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Shane Gregory', is positioned above the printed name.

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