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Dear Ms Cunningham,

Re: Flinders Draft Local Provisions Schedule Zoning of Land Mapped as a Strategic Resource

Thank you for your letter dated 14 December 2021, regarding the lack of representation from Mineral Resources Tasmania (MRT) to the Flinders Planning Authority regarding the application of zone, or codes, or the provisions of the LPS.

MRT are a Division of the Department of State Growth, and submissions made by State Growth, relating to mineral resources should be read as having the support of MRT.

MRT provided input to, and support, the matters raised in the State Growth submission of July 2021.

MRT have not, as far as I am aware, been approached by the Flinders Planning Authority, regarding the proposed changes to zoning that may impact on existing or potential future mining operations, as detailed in the State Growth submission.

The strategic resource mapping has been designed as a tool to highlight areas of high mineral prospectivity to land use planning authorities, and to facilitate decision making relating to zoning that will be in the best interests of the Tasmanian community.

It is important to re-iterate that access to local sand resources is critical for the Flinders Island economy and note that restricting access to, and availability of, such resources could negatively impact the local economy should those required resources need to be imported rather than produced locally.

I understand that a representative from State Growth will attend the hearing on 10 February 2022 and will want to discuss the Local Provisions Report on Representations, presented to Council in November 2021, particularly those comments made regarding Section 11 of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*.

Yours Sincerely,

Andrew McNeill for
Kevin Robinson
Director of Mines