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## **West Coast Council Draft Local Provisions Schedule (LPS) – Zoning of Future Potential Production Forest Lands (FPPFL)**

Thank you for your correspondence of 21 January on the above matter.

Future Potential Production Forest Land (FPPFL) is land associated with the *Forestry (Rebuilding the Forest Industry) Act 2014*. The Government's policy objective for this land was to secure a 'wood-bank' to provide for future sustainable forestry production.

There is approximately 399 000 hectares of FPPFL in total, mostly outside of the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area (TWWHA). Within the TWWHA there is approximately 25 400 hectares of FPPFL.

Property Services administer the FPPFL that is Crown land, while land owned by or vested in State-owned companies or Government Business Enterprises will continue to be managed by those entities.

In your correspondence you refer to the submission made by the Bob Brown Foundation that proposes a large area throughout the West Coast Municipality including areas of the Tarkine that contain FPPFL parcels should be zoned Environmental Management Zone, rather than Rural Zone, as the Council has recommended.

The Bob Brown Foundation's submission focuses on the presence of threatened species and threatened native vegetation communities as a reason to zone land Environmental Management. I note that protections for such values are built into approval systems for developments, including forestry operations.

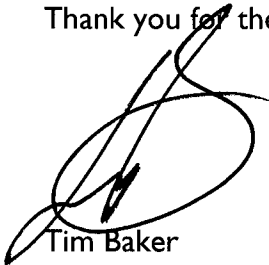
I note the relevant Planning Guideline for use in preparing Local Provision Schedules advises that FPPFL on reserved land is most appropriately zoned Environmental Management Zone. FPPFL that has no reserve status is most appropriately zoned Rural Zone.

This approach is consistent with the Government's policy objectives for the management of FPPFL under the *Forestry (Rebuilding the Forest Industry) Act 2014*. So, in general my advice is to maintain this approach when zoning FPPFL.

There is a small portion of FPPFL within the Western Tasmanian Aboriginal Cultural Landscape (WTACL) near Duck Creek within the West Coast municipality and it is recommended that this should be zoned Environmental Management. The WTACL was the result of the Bob Brown Foundation's Tarkine proposal for heritage listing - maps can be found in the listing link [here](#). The WTACL is also listed on the National Heritage List.

It is also worth considering the zoning of the remainder of the WTACL within the West Coast municipality. I note the Circular Head Council's Draft LPS in which the WTACL is entirely zoned Environmental Management. I also note that the Circular Head portion is entirely within reserved land. I appreciate that this is however a matter outside of the scope of your request on FPPFL zoning.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.



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