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General Manager Latrobe Council PO Box 63 Latrobe 7307

Via email: submissions@latrobe.tas.gov.au

Dear Sir

Re: Devonport Airport - Latrobe Local Provisions Schedule

Please accept the following as a representation on behalf of the Devonport Airport in relation to the draft Latrobe Local Provisions Schedule of the Tasmanian Planning Scheme.

There are several matters of concern to TasPorts relating to the uses allowed under the proposed Utilities zoning and the application of the Natural Values Code. We would appreciate the opportunity to discuss these concerns further with Council prior to progression of the LPS.

The site

The Devonport Airport site is located at 13 Airport Road, Wesley Vale. The land is contained in a single title CT 130335/1 and has an area of approximately 310ha adjacent to Moorland Beach on Bass Strait. The site is owned by TasPorts.

It is third largest airport in Tasmania by volume after Hobart International Airport and Launceston Airport. In pre Covid years FY18 and FY19 the airport carried approximately 150,000 passengers.

Zoning and allowable Uses

The site is zoned a combination of Light Industrial, Utilities and Rural Resource under the Latrobe Interim Planning Scheme 2013 (LIPS).

The draft LPS translates the same area of Light Industrial Zoning. However, the proposed State Planning Scheme version of the Utilities Zone increases the number of prohibited uses including Education and Occasional Care, General Retail and Hire and Food Services. It is considered that these uses are important complementary activities that must be provided for to ensure that the site retains flexibility to evolve into the future.

We note that the Section 8A Zone application Guidelines for the application of zones in LPSs, issued by the Tasmanian Planning Commission states that Major Airport facilities may be more appropriately located within a Particular Purpose Zone.

Given the above considerations and that the SPP version of the zone is more restrictive than the existing Utilities zoning, it is considered that a Particular Purpose Zone should be applied to this site.

Planning Scheme Overlays

- The existing LIPS does not include Priority Vegetation of Waterway Protection Areas.
- The proposed Priority Vegetation Areas apply to managed areas of the Airport including the runways.
- Similarly, the proposed Waterway and Coastal Protection Areas apply to existing formed drainage swales on the site rather than wetlands or waterways.

It is considered that the mapped areas are inaccurate and should be removed.

We would appreciate the opportunity to meet to discuss these concerns with you further.

Yours sincerely

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