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To: TPC Enquiry

Subject: Landscape Conservation Zones - Georgetown Hearings

Dear Commissioner Ann Cunningham,

I wish to convey my support for the submission of Bell, and the submission of Thompson in relation to the need for the category of Landscape Conservation Zones in the described areas of Pipers Brook and Gees Road.

The sand mining excuse is not warranted as it appears this resource is readily available from other sites. So often resource facts are hazy at best and downright wrong due to inadequate research.

I cannot stress enough the need to preserve precious and dwindling native vegetation, habitat and threatened species of plants and animals.

With constant pressure of increasing human population, climate change, demands for housing, and development of infrastructure (including causing massive road kill), the future for our native species of plants & animals looks bleak indeed.

Successful survival of a healthy intact ecosystem is vitally dependant upon corridors and connectivity, and broad areas of suitable habitat.

Tasmania 'sells' its tourism industry on boastful claims of untouched wilderness and forests and pristine habitat for its species.

What is left must be immediately protected for eternity.

The old farm at Low Head is another vital link in a dwindling tapestry of remaining intact vegetation & lagoon communities with a wide diversity of threatened plants and animals. It must be protected, and such protection needs to be consistent throughout the area and the state.

Please ensure that Landscape conservation Zone and Priority Vegetation Area overlays are applied without reserve to remaining areas of native vegetation in Low Head and the entire George Town area.

I have said before and say again that everytime I visit the George Town area more and more old native vegetation has been ransacked. It need not be like this. Restoration is long and slow and not guaranteed. The planet cannot wait.

Many thanks.

Kind regards.

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