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Representation to Central Coast Council re the Draft Central Coast Local Provisions Schedule – Addition of a Specific Area Plan to protect the Leven Canyon Regional Reserve and Loyetea Peak.

Dear Sandra

Thank you for your letter of 11 June 2019 explaining Council's reasons for not proceeding with any changes to the Interim Planning Scheme and encouraging the Gunns Plains Community Centre Association (GPCCA) to make a representation on the above matter during the exhibition period of the Draft Local Provisions Schedule (LPS).

We accept that UPC Renewables will, as a result of the collective opposition to the proposed transmission line route through the Leven Canyon Regional Reserve, now be terminating their proposed transmission lines at Hampshire. While the immediate threat has gone, this recent episode has highlighted the vulnerability of the Leven Canyon Regional Reserve to such developments given the relatively weak protection afforded to Regional Reserves under the *Nature Conservation Act 2002*.

A new threat to the area has emerged with TasNetworks announcing via their [2019 Annual Planning Report](#) (pp 54-55) that they are proposing a new 220 kV transmission corridor between Hampshire and Sheffield. While the Report states that they are not considering the corridor proposed for the Robbins Island Wind Farm their map (below) suggests that a route through the Central Coast area north of Black Bluff is not precluded.

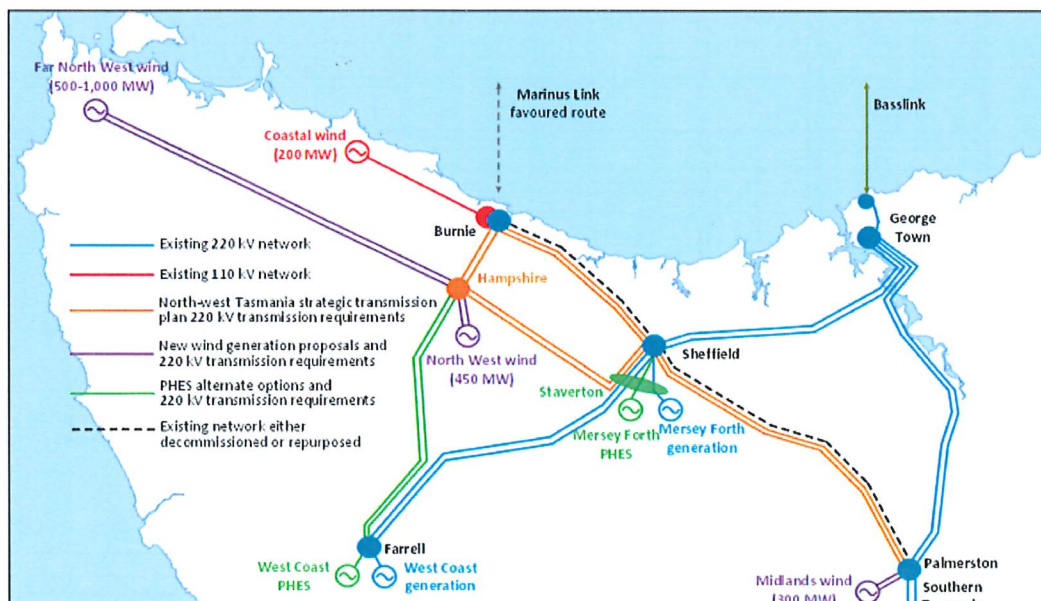
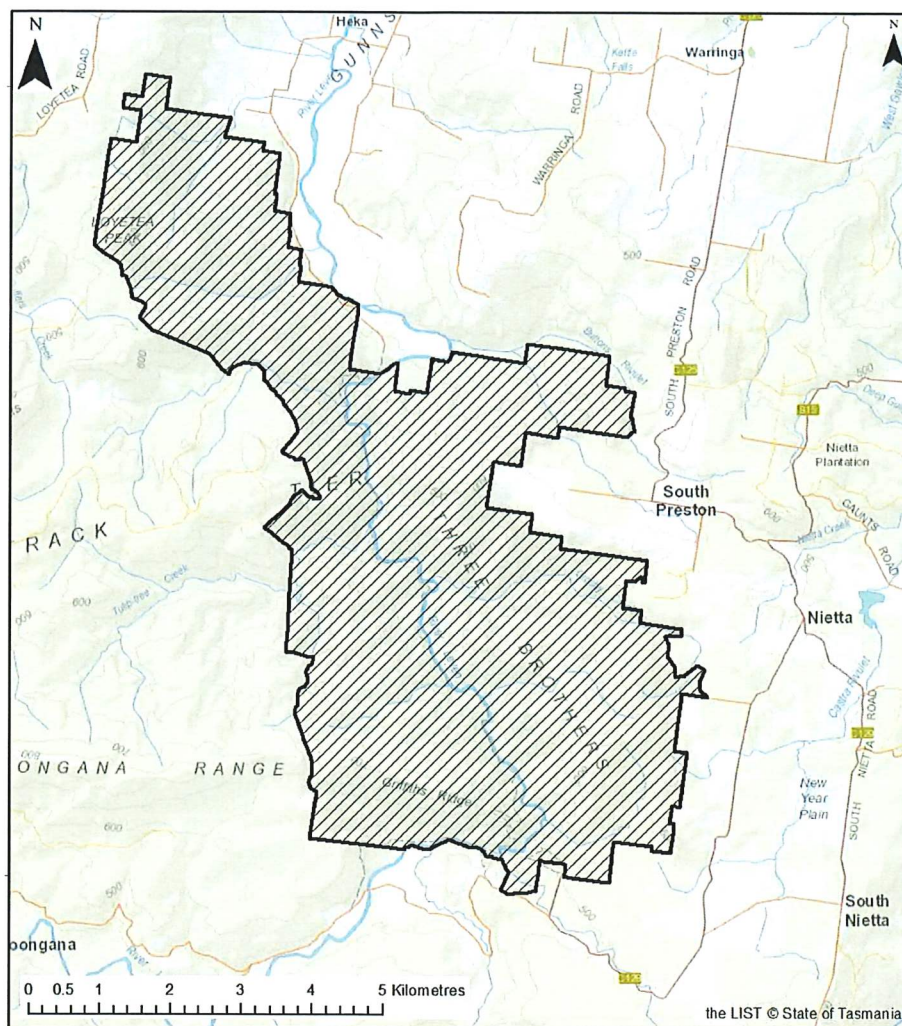


Figure 5-1: North-west Tasmania strategic transmission plan

GPCCA therefore requests that Central Coast Council initiates the process to apply planning protection to the Leven Canyon Regional Reserve and adjacent areas of Future Potential Production Forest, including Loyetee Peak, visible from the Gunns Plains valley by the addition of a Code C8.0 Scenic Protection to the LPS as proposed by Highland Conservation Pty Ltd in their 30th May 2019 email to Council.

This should apply to the areas proposed by Highland Conservation Pty Ltd (see map below) and would provide additional protection to the visual amenity and environmental values from degradation by infrastructure projects like the proposed transmission corridor and logging of the old growth forest within the Future Potential Production Forest along the south-west escarpment of the Gunns Plains valley.



We would appreciate Council's support for this proposal.

Kind regards

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