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PA2022.0024

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133 Middle Road  
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**Details of representation**  
I wish to officially object to the abovenamed Development Application for the Devonfield bushland. Please view my attached letter, outlining three issues of major concern of which I urge you to please carefully consider.  
Thanking you.  
Bill Flowers.

**Upload Supporting Documentation such as photos, plans, sketches etc (optional)**  
• [Three-Major-Issues-Bill-Flowers-Letter.pdf](#)

**Consent**  
 I agree that all the information i have provided is accurate and is truthful.

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**Attention Planning Department, Devonport Council. 1 August 2022**

I would like to bring to your attention that the most foremost topic in the recent Federal Election was climate change.

Unfortunately the destruction that has recently occurred behind Harvey Norman at the Homemakers Centre clearly demonstrates that Devonport City Council are neither thinking globally nor acting locally.

This is even further demonstrated by Council's now proposed clearing and development of bushland located directly behind Devonfield at 133 Middle Road, Miandetta.

**Wildlife:**

Based on my Zoology, Wildlife Rescue, Senior Keeper and Snake catching experiences, I have been only too aware of the impact this residential zoning and clearing had on wildlife.

Living close to abovementioned destruction I have noticed a dramatic increase in ground-dwelling **marsupials** fleeing to my land, and many more not making it, being killed under the ever-increasing traffic along Stony Rise Road, which will only continue to increase now with the new housing going there.

This over population will likely even out in time naturally with the help of predator species such as raptors, quolls, and devils but **only while some wildlife corridors remain.**

I have sighted on several occasions the highly critical **White goshawk** flying and hunting in the small patches of remaining bush including frequently the bushland located **behind Devonfield.**

The **Boobook owl** has also been regularly heard in this region, which its range is currently within the remaining remnant bushland we have left here in Stony Rise and Miandetta. When these bushlands disappear, these birds will be pushed into the territory of others of their own species causing conflict over habitat and further reduction of the species.

**Green rosellas** nest on my land and travel around to the small pockets of bushland around Devonport. The increasing numbers of the rainbow lorikeets are putting pressure on rosellas and **Swift parrots** in the Devonport area so they need all the help they can get with intact habitat.

We have an endangered species of NW **Crayfish** which is 'supposedly' given protection, but in reality land owners get away with 'tidying up' by clearing protective native understory vegetation.

There has been no evidence of replanting illegally removed vegetation, nor follow up regarding blatant breeches of a Section 5 Conservation Act, placed on blocks in nearby Harris Road.

Whatever well-meaning policies council proposes to offset future destruction is meaningless when the council can't (or won't) police and act upon environmental rules they already have in place.

For the last 30 plus I have removed and relocated snakes from backyards, with the most common reason being removal from an urban area when there has been recent habitat destruction, displacing the **venomous reptiles** from their bush homes.

The more we push into the bushland the more conflict there is between humans and their pets and wildlife. Only this week a neighbour's dog mauled and killed the resident Stony Rise **echidna**, which

is yet another example of the ever-encroaching human/domestic animal activity impacting on wildlife.

### **Carbon Offset:**

Similarly to Qantas' carbon offset scheme, Devonport Council has the power, knowledge, and capabilities to encourage landowners to protect the vegetation on their land. Also, incentives and education on the benefits of keeping trees where they are to offset their living.

The Derwent Valley Council requires a permit to remove a tree more than 3 metres tall, as it's understood they highly value the benefits of mature trees within the urban areas.

A stand of trees causes shade and a breeze, cooling the surrounding area. With the removal of this natural 'free cooling energy', the housing replacing these will cause heat, and over-use of resources to then cool the homes.

It is only a matter of time for the unusual weather of climate change in the not-too-distant future to cause destruction and suffering in our city of Devonport.

When that occurs, people will angrily look to who is/was in charge and ask why was this allowed to happen?

Considering the TasNetworks Power Substation directly on the opposite corner with its unappealing industrial appearance, you now have the highly visible and appealing green view of Devonfield's mature trees to aesthetically pleasingly balance this.

### **Mental Health Crisis**

There's a common denominator we keep hearing about for the remedying of mental health issues such as depression and anxiety. It's very simple and cost-effective:

*Get outside into nature!*

Mental Health advisors are all saying variations of a similar message - look at it, breath it, walk in it, cycle in it, care for it, plant in it, photograph in it, listen to it, and sniff it....as long as it's outside in wild green places.

With all the new housing now currently on its way in Stony Rise near Harvey Norman, these residents along with existing ones, are going to need somewhere for recreation nearby.

What an opportunity you have with Devonfield bushland right nearby, already with tracks, a frog-filled creek and wildlife already there, with very little to add (some seats, interpretation signs, etc.)

In Don Reserve you have some fitness equipment for joggers to use along the way. However, Don Reserve is some distance for all the new Stony Rise residents to travel to on bike or foot.

Presenting **Devonfield Reserve**, a remarkable opportunity to invest in and care for the mental health and recreational needs of all your new residents of Stony Rise, and of course for the Devonfield residents themselves. Keep the Devonfield name to show their generosity in granting this beautiful place for all to enjoy.

Please take the time to seriously consider a brighter cleaner future for Stony Rise, Devonport.

Thank you.

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