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To whom it may concern at Tasmanian Planning Commission,

Regarding:

Development Application Number:

PA2022.0024

Address of Development:

133 Middle Road Miandetta Tas 7310

Please find below my letter of appeal for the consideration of the Planning Committee.

Please see my attached images depicting some of the Raptor species I have photographed hunting within Devonfield bushland to feed their young in the nearby nests.

Also I will be sending other emails of pictures I have taken to support my letter.

Regards Elizabeth Latham

Hello, my name is Elizabeth.

My family and I live across the road from Devonfield, in Stony Rise Road, I have a wonderful view of the bushland from my kitchen window and love to wander through the magnificent bushland and enjoy the peace and serenity.

I understand that you are here to discuss the ‘technical jargon’ of this proposal but what it comes down to are matters of the heart.

You have the power to break the hearts of many if you decide to proceed in allowing the rezoning of the blocks be developed and the vegetation cleared.

Have any of you or your committee members or the Council actually taken

the time to walk among the magnificent trees and wondered (as we and many others have) at the marvels of Mother Nature?

Wonders such as the myriad of wildflowers in every colour, be amazed at the construction of the Burrowing Crayfish towers, listened to the babbling brook with tiny tadpoles and their croaking parents?

Have you touched the furry patches of Moss, or inhaled the earth aromas after rain, be stunned by the sunshine through raindrops like Diamonds on flora, only to then be delightfully startled by the fluttering of the leaves to reveal the birds busily foraging within them?

Birds such as the Bronzewing Pigeon, Golden Whistlers, Brown Thornbill, Yellow Tailed Cockatoos, Swift Parrots, Satin Flycatchers, the Boobook Owls and Tasmanian Moreporks calling at night and countless more, too numerous to mention here.

This bushland acts as a 'flyway' from the Mersey River to the Greenbelt on Kelcey Tier and onto the West, many Raptors including Peregrine Falcons, Brown Falcons, Australian Hobby, Collard Sparrowhawks, Brown Goshawks and my beloved White Goshawks who live across the road and have nested there for the last five years raising over 10 young. All use this area to hunt and roost in.

Magnificent White-bellied Sea Eagles and Wedgetail Eagles also use this bushland as a lookout for hunting and breeding. Actual mating was sighted in this very bushland recently and even the resident Forest Ravens raise their young in the bushland, utilising the tall trees as resting and hunting platforms.

And then of course the several marsupial species; Rufus Wallabies, Bennett's wallabies, Pademelons, and two possum species, Short Beaked Echidnas, Brown Bandicoots, Long Nosed Potoroos, Spotted Tailed Quoll have all been sighted feeding among the lower scrub areas. Blue Tongue Lizards, Tiger snakes, Bats and insects have all made homes within this important and precious piece of remnant bushland.

An entire ecosystem is contained in and round this small but significant piece of bush.

One of your reports declares there are "*no endangered species*" in this proposal. I strongly feel that's wrong.

It's ALL endangered as wild spaces become scarcer and in these days of

rising climate change and the increasing need to save the earth this precious area must be left alone to provide some sense of Nature for the people of Devonport to enjoy and benefit from physically and mentally, surely the residents of Devonfield would and should experience and explore this wonderland on their doorstep.

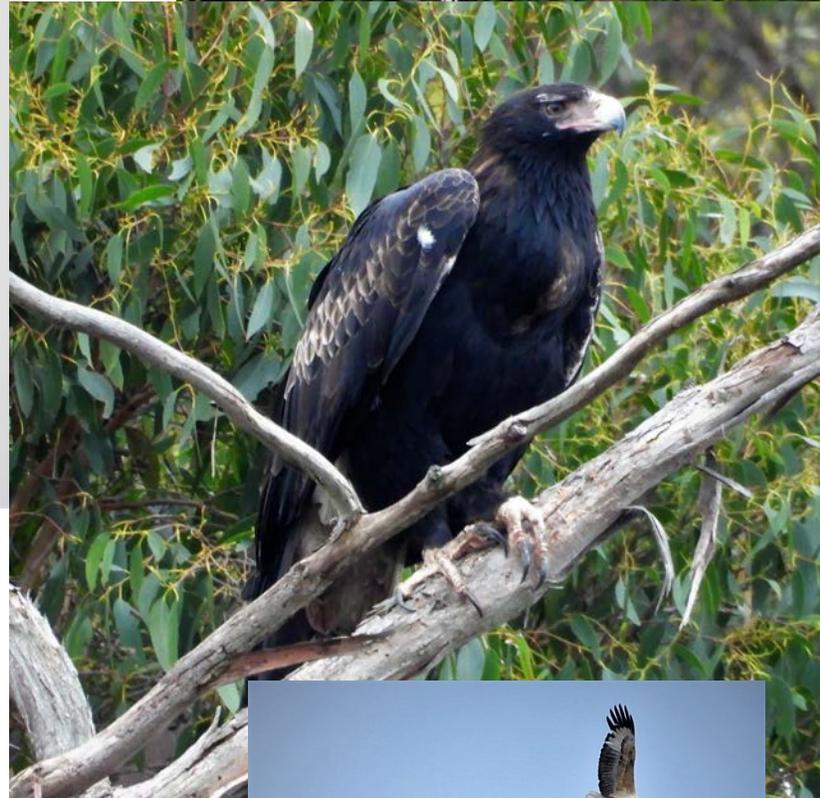
Yes there is a shortage of housing but will the destruction and development of this area really make any difference, when there are other cleared areas in Devonport laying unused.

For the health and well being of myself and other residents of this area, I plead with you to reconsider my and others' thoughts seriously and listen to your heart and **please don't break ours.**

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Please see attached additional images depicting some of the species I have photographed within the Devonfield bushland

to support my letter.

Regards Elizabeth Latham



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