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Subject: Re: Submission No. 8 Georgetown Planning Hearings

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Re Submission No. 8, Annabel Richards for Georgetown Planning Hearings.

Thankyou for including and considering my submission.

A plan of the old farm at Low Head, as requested, will be forwarded by separate email, on my behalf.

1. Streetscapes - this relates to ALL streets and roads in the planning area. Street vegetation is vital. Views must be retained and valued.. People greatly benefit from good vegetation and habitat for native plants and animals. Research shows that temperatures decrease markedly during summer when attention is paid to leafy shade and suitable ground cover. Native trees thrive when appropriate ground cover is provided. Street nature strips need careful maintenance.

Some years ago, our street at Low Head was required (by Georgetown council) to be planted with native species, and a watering system installed. The requirement was fully complied with, but maintenance workers later mowed down nearly all the new plants, and destroyed the watering system. Meanwhile encroaching environmental weeds (on both sides - bluebell creeper, and English ivy) continue to invade and seed.

Too often native and non native shade trees are removed needlessly - (eg the tea trees along the main road between Low Head and Georgetown, on former wetlands in Georgetown, and the development area on the southern edge of Georgetown).

Moonscaping for development is unacceptable, and more so in the face of climate change.

Planning laws need to urgently address these issues, and include them in the overall planning document.

2. Re: Heritage Overlays:

According to submission (L. Wootten) Georgetown Council Planning had an Heritage overlay, but it was omitted in 2013. **Can you confirm this fact?**

If this information is correct, the Heritage Overlay should be reinstated as of that date immediately.

Georgetown has a remarkable Aboriginal and Colonial history (as one of the earliest colonial settlements in Australia).

All sites, including Marion Villa, the old farm at Low Head, the lagoons and middens, need to be under Heritage protection in order to preserve the intrinsic and unique values of the Georgetown area. Already sites have been lost and bulldozed for development.

I have 80 years of close association with Georgetown and Low Head and see the heritage constantly diminishing and degrading.

The Planning Scheme must include Heritage protection.

I would like to speak to this issue at the Hearings by Zoom. Is this possible and if so please provide a link, time and date.

Many thanks.

Kind regards.

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