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**ATTN: Samuel McCrossen**

Hi Sam,

Please find attached a late representation for consideration by the Tasmanian Planning Commission.

Thanks and best regards,

Josh Clark  
Dam Safety Engineer



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# Cover Letter



**To:** Samuel McCrossen, TPC Planning Advisor  
**From:** Josh Clark, Dam Safety Engineer  
**CC:** David Skipper, General Manager Water Delivery  
**Date:** 17/03/2023  
**Subject:** **Late Representation for Zoning Classification of Riley's Creek Reservoir**

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Dear Sam,

With reference to title 245793/1 'Rileys Creek Reservoir' – Lot 1 Rileys Creek Rd Geeveston Tas 7116, Tasmanian Irrigation (TI) is seeking a late representation for consideration by the Tasmanian Planning Commission under the Draft Huon Valley Local Provision Schedule, in light of the forthcoming reform from the *Huon Valley Interim Planning Scheme 2015* to the *Tasmanian Planning Scheme*.

We understand the official period for lodging representations has closed, however we were not made aware of the 60-day public exhibition detailing the call for representations, until after closing. That being the case, we kindly request your acceptance of our representation, which is premised around the zoning classification of Riley's Creek Reservoir.

We are of the view, it is in the best interests of the Huon Valley Community that the zoning classification of the title 245793/1 containing Riley's Creek Dam be reviewed, prior to the implementation of the *Tasmanian Planning Scheme*.

Please find **attached** our representation for review by the Planning Commission.

If there is any further information you require, or you would like to discuss this representation in person, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at any time.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J Clark".

**Josh Clark**  
**Dam Safety Engineer**

# Representation

Dear Commission,

Tasmanian Irrigation Pty Ltd (TI) is a State-owned Company, renowned for its proven ability to reliably and cost effectively deliver irrigation water, as well as complex infrastructure projects. TI manages a diverse portfolio of dams across the state, understands its statutory obligations and is committed to complying with its dam safety management responsibilities, under the *Water Management (Safety of Dams) Regulations 2015*.

Riley's Creek Dam was constructed in 1976 by the Hydro Electric Commission for water supply to Geeveston and the surrounding area. Since then, the dam has served a variety of purposes, and today provides water security to two major aquaculture firms, a number of small orchards, as well as NRE mandated environmental releases and stock and domestic supply.

The *Huon Valley Interim Planning Scheme 2015* identifies the titles associated with Riley's Creek Dam as '*Environmental Management Zone*'. This zoning impacts the ability of Tasmanian Irrigation to adequately maintain and upgrade the dam in accordance with its obligations and further, it inhibits Tasmanian Irrigation's ability to meet modern dam OHS and Community Safety expectations.

Riley's Creek Dam is a significant structure, which is classified as 'HIGH A Consequence Category' under the 'Australian National Committee on Large Dams' (ANCOLD) definition. This category means, that in the event of a dam failure, there is the potential for loss of life associated with any flood inundation. Further, there are likely to be significant environmental, community and business impacts.

As such, in our view, it would be more appropriate for title 245793/1 containing Riley's Creek Dam to be zoned "Utilities", rather than the current zoning of '*Environmental Management*'. The change in zoning will ensure that prudent and regulated maintenance and upgrades can be completed on the dam, in compliance with the appropriate development and use standards defined for '*Utilities*'.

The following extract taken from the *Guideline #1 LPS Zone and Code Application*, suggests that the appropriate zone over title 245793/1 would fall under Zone 26.0 *Utilities Zone - Zone Purpose 26.1.1*. "To provide land for major utilities installations and corridors". The relevant *Zone Application Guideline* would align with UZ4 – "The Utilities Zone may be applied to land for water storage facilities for the purposes of water supply directly associated with major utilities infrastructure, such as dams or reservoirs."

TI understands that the *Huon Valley Interim Planning Scheme 2015* is currently transitioning to the *Tasmanian Planning Scheme*, and as such this is an opportune time to address the allocated zoning.

Best regards,



**Josh Clark**  
**Dam Safety Engineer**

17/03/2023

