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To: [TPC Enquiry](#)
Subject: RE: Devonport - draft amendment AM2022.02 & PA2022.0092 - Commission direction
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Good Morning,

I am responding to your correspondence dated 10th July 2023 in which you sought feedback on the request received from Mr Holbrook and Mr Morris, seeking an adjournment to the continued initial “hearing” held on 15th and 16th June 2023 due to staff and the developer involved in the process not being available in the coming months due to holidays and/or workload.

It is noted that there might be some uncertainty in the Tasmanian Planning Commission “hearing” process that might preclude the sought adjournment, which clearly must be answered for all concerned – to ensure that the requested adjournment extending to closer to Christmas 2023 is in line with the guidelines and statutory requirements.

Even if the matter of the TPC’s powers to enable the requested adjournment and suggested future time frame for the “hearings” to recommence can be resolved, it would seem unfair and unreasonable to continue to delay the process already commenced, particularly as everyone has had appropriate time to make written submissions and made their time available (along with selected professional “key” witnesses that have yet to be heard) to attending the past and future hearings in expectation of a timely continuation of your TPC member’s “hearing”. The applicant and his engaged professional legal, planning and traffic personnel required to continue the “hearing” regrettably could have informed you – as Chair and Delegates – of potential issues relating to the future reconvening of the hearing prior to the suspension of the “hearing” on Friday 16th June 2023.

It is regrettable that the applicant and his legal, planning and traffic professionals engaged to present to your panel have sought such a lengthy adjournment. If the applicant really deems this to be an important matter then they should ensure that they are available to attend when your panel requires. I personally cannot support the requested lengthy adjournment sought by the applicant’s legal and professional advisers, and as such believe that the request is totally unreasonable and that a date in the near future must be set – taking into consideration the need to meet any statutory requirements and guidelines. It is essential that this matter must proceed with haste and not be held up by the holiday schedules of the applicant and his engaged professional team.

Kind regards

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[Good Afternoon](#)

[Please find documents attached regarding draft amendment AM2022.02 & PA2022.0092.](#)

Kind regards

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