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To: Planning @ Meander Valley Council
Subject: Representation re: Draft Amendment Rezone 2 Panorama Rd
Blackstone Heights
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Dear Sir / Madam,

**Re: Draft Amendment to the Meander Valley Interim Planning Scheme
2013 to rezone land at 2 Panorama Road to Local Business Zone**

Please find attached our submission of our representation regarding the proposed rezoning and plans for the development of the land surrounding our property at 6 Panorama Rd Blackstone Heights.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us via the contact details in our submission.

Thanking you in advance,

Kay and Colin Farmer

Sent from my iPad

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The Planning Officer
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Re: Draft Amendment to the Meander Valley Interim Planning Scheme 2013 to rezone land at 2 Panorama Road to Local Business Zone.

Dear Sir / Madam,

We are writing to submit our representation regarding the proposed rezoning and plans for the development of the land surrounding our property.

My wife and I do not see the need for a second market in a suburb as small as Blackstone Heights given that there is already a regular market in a Blackstone Park.

We both work from home. The serenity and residential setting will certainly be lost with this rezoning and development. The quiet enjoyment of our property has been severely compromised ever since the approval of the cafe almost nine years ago with regular, periodic earthworks and machinery causing droning in all of that time. We and other residents on neighbouring properties we have spoken to have continuously wondered when or even if this annoying noise will ever cease and desist.

We are vehemently opposed to the proposed walkway on our north-eastern and south-eastern boundaries:

- The existing fence is only a post and wire farm fence and is therefore in no way appropriate or adequate.
- Our security and privacy would be severely compromised.
- We have many timid animals such as rabbits, guinea pigs, chickens and birds who are natural prey for dogs. If people who are walking dogs in the walkway somehow lose control of their dog we fear the consequences of a dog easily jumping or getting through the existing farm fence.
- There is no need for such a walkway as people will be coming by car. There is a proposed carpark, again right behind our boundary, where people will have access to the proposed market, rendering a walkway unnecessary.

We are also opposed to the carpark being placed where it is proposed:

- The proposed position of the carpark is behind our property where it will be visible to us from our bedroom.

- Even more importantly, the carpark will be on top of a hill where visitors will be able to look down and see directly into our property. As mentioned before, the existing fence is only a post and wire farm fence and is therefore in no way appropriate or adequate.
- Again, our security and privacy would be severely compromised.

Were these proposals to go ahead, and we certainly hope that they don't, at the very least we would demand complete replacement of the north-eastern and south-eastern boundary fences with colourbond privacy fencing at no cost to ourselves.

When we moved to Blackstone Heights in 2002, we were looking for a large property in the serenity of a residential semi-rural setting but still close to the Launceston CBD.

Blackstone Heights and the property we chose fulfilled this requirement perfectly and there were no plans at all for the rezoning of surrounding properties.

We cannot see the point of having zonings in the first place if they can be arbitrarily changed at the whim of developers and council.

We submit that this is not fair and we are being treated poorly by a council to whom we have paid substantial rates for 18 years.

Yours sincerely,

Kay and Colin Farmer