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Dear Mr Ingham,

I wish to support and endorse the recent representation to Council from Sophie Underwood (Freycinet Action Network) regarding the Tempus Retirement Village proposal. In addition to Sophie's strong and valid points I wish to emphasise that this short stretch of highway provides some of the most beloved scenery in Tasmania; it provides the breathtaking views of fields and sheep against a backdrop of stunning coastline, ocean and the Freycinet peninsular beyond that provides the highlight of the entire drive up the East Coast.. It breaks my heart to think that the jewel in the crown of the East Coast drive (which itself is a Tourist attraction) could be marred by development.

Furthermore, what resources are being put into supporting the medical needs of an enormous elderly population of over 200 residents? I know that there are election promises about expanding emergency departments in rural centres, but what research has been done into how successful recruitment to and retention in those centres will be? There is already great difficulty filling vacancies in major centres in Tasmania for multiple reasons. And how ethical is it to be expecting taxpayers to pick up the tab to evacuate the frequent medical emergencies by chopper or ambulance to Launceston or Hobart as required in this patient demographic for specialist medical procedures that cannot be undertaken in a small rural hospital eg coronary angiography for unstable angina, endoscopy for acute gastrointestinal bleeding etc. Presumably with a development of that scale, it is not just proposed to be housing the local elderly but attracting others from other centres.

I wholeheartedly support expanding health services in rural communities for residents who already live in regional areas, and visiting tourists, as the current services are below par, but I believe it is neither appropriate nor moral to be proposing massive new aged care facilities enticing elderly to the regions that do not have the infrastructure to provide adequate health care for the residents. Simply hoping that the infrastructure will follow development is not sensible.

Thank you for your consideration of these issues in your deliberations.

Yours Sincerely,

Dr Georgie Stilwell